

Special Topics Class: Institutional Analysis in Economic History  
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Reading list:

Institutional Change

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- Royal African Companies Compared”, Business and Economic History, 1991.
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  15. Kingston, “Marine Insurance in Philadelphia during the Quasi-War with France, 1795-1801”
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#### Political Institutions

17. Fearon, “Self-Enforcing Democracy”;
18. Weingast, “Self-enforcing constitutions, with an Application to Democratic Stability in America’s first century”
19. Londregan and Vindigni, “Voting as a Credible Threat”
20. Greif, “Self-enforcing political system and Economic Growth: Late Medieval Genoa”
21. Geddes, “Authoritarian Breakdown”, and Geddes, “Minimum-Winning Coalitions and Personalization in Authoritarian Regimes”

22. Eggertsson, “No experiments Monumental Disasters: Why it took a thousand years to develop a specialized fishing industry in Iceland”; Acemoglu, “Why no political Coase Theorem?”

23. Shleifer and Vishny, “Corruption”

#### Open Fields/Enclosure

24. McCloskey, “English Open Fields as Behavior towards Risk”; Fenoaltea, “Risk, Transaction Costs, and the Organization of Medieval Agriculture”; Richardson, “The Prudent Village”

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