Course Number and Name

ECNE 102 Comparative Economic Development

Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to explain the process of economic development of England and colonial Sri Lanka in a comparative perspective.

Course Contents

Introduction to economic development; modernism: explanation of modernity; European feudalism: main features and collapse; agrarian transformation in England: first and second enclosure movements, corn laws, general trends of agricultural sector after 1846; first and second industrial revolutions: causes and effects; trade unionism; transport revolution: roads, canals and railways; commercial revolution; colonialism and development of the centre: case study 1: England; colonialism and its effects on colonial economics: case study 2: Sri Lanka; colonial Ceylon: period of transition (1796-1833); Colebrooke commission’s reforms; plantation industries in Sri Lanka: coffee, tea, coconut and rubber; peasant agriculture: British land policy and its effects; trade unionism in Sri Lanka during the nineteenth century.

Assessment Strategy

i. Time of Assessment - End of the Year
   ii. Assessment Method - Written examination

Assigned percentage for each Component – 100%

Recommended References

Knowles, L.C.A. 1921. The Industrial and Commercial Revolutions in Great Britain during the Nineteenth Century.