

What is economic history?

Economic history is the study of our past development, particularly in relation to economics, labour, and business. It includes, for example, the economic development of nations, the growth of business enterprise, and the organisation of work.

While economic history draws extensively on its close relationships with the disciplines of economics and history, its ultimate strength lies in its broad interdisciplinary connections across a wide range of social science and business subjects. It encourages diverse but rigorous approaches to understanding our economic past, which draw upon theories, concepts, and a wide range of historical information sources.