

## ECONOMY IN THE ANCIENT\_WORLD

Key elements of the economic production: 1) Natural environment, relief, climate, seismic activity and 2) Population, questions of fertility, mortality, gender equilibrium. Agricultural production. Olive, vine, wheat and grains. Livestock breeding. Land ownership, distribution of land and resources. Fishing, artisanship. Capital and innovation. Market, Supply and Demand, Economic Growth. Energy and costs of transportation. Land and Sea routes. Ship navigation and Shipbuilding. Wind and Sea currents, Canals.

Market and the world of commerce: urban and/or surrounding area. The Agoranomi and the inspection of the market; regulations concerning prices. Incertitude and Innovation. Currency: from metal to monetary asset. Currency as an institutionalized tool. Loans. Merchandise Tax Liability. Customs. Certainties and lack of certitude in international trade networks. The Commercial Networks. Centre and periphery. The commercialized goods: metal, grains textiles. Trade logic and the sense of profit.

Ancient economy and contemporary theoretical and historiographical trends.

Primitivists and Modernists. From Max Weber and Moses I. Finley, to the neo-institutionalism theory on Ancient Economy.

### Learning outcomes

The overall objective of Pan. Doukellis teaching targets is the initiation of the Students to social phenomena of “other societies” and specifically to societies of the Ancient and partly the medieval world. The comprehension of contemporary social issues, situations, values is intended 1) by projecting them to their relevant pre-Christian/post-Christian euro-mediterranean era and 2) by the research on their origins, appearance, development, ruptures and continuations or extinction.

The specific objective of the Economies of The Ancient World is the approach of everyday aspects of the mainly rural communities of either small or greater ancient city-states and in particular their economic life.

The issues presented concern matters of natural resources, demographic sizes, agricultural production, transportation, capital creation, quest of innovation, institutions and money, commercial networks as well as the historiographical adventures of the topic during the 20th century.

### Basic textbooks

A. Bresson, Η οικονομία στις ελληνικές πόλεις – κράτη, Αθήνα, Πατάκης 2008 (The Making of the ancient Greek economy)

Chr. Howgego, Η αρχαία ιστορία μέσα από τα νομίσματα, Αθήνα, ΜΙΕΤ 2009 (Ancient History from coins)

### Indicative Bibliography

Μ.Ι. Finley, Οικονομία και κοινωνία στην αρχαία Ελλάδα, Αθήνα, Καρδαμίτσας 1998

Ευ. Πρόντζας, Οικονομική Ιστορία, Αθήνα, εκδόσεις ΑΤΕ 1997

Θ. Λιανός, Η πολιτική οικονομία του Αριστοτέλη, Αθήνα, ΜΙΕΤ 2012

W. Scheidel et al. (επιμ.), The Cambridge economic history of the Greco-roman world, Cambridge University Press 2007

- L. Migeotte, *L'économie des cités grecques*, Παρίσι, Ellipses 2002
- P. F. Bang et al. (επιμ.), *Ancient economies, modern methodologies: archaeology, comparative history, models and institutions*, Bari Edipuglia, 2006
- P. Garnsey et al. (επιμ.), *Trade in the ancient economy*, University of California Press, 1983
- J. G. Manning - I. Morris (επιμ.), *The ancient economy: evidence and models*, Stanford University Press, 2005
- D. J. Mattingly - J. Salmon (επιμ.), *Economies beyond agriculture in the classical world*, Routledge 2001
- Y. Roman - J. Dalaison (επιμ.), *L'économie antique, une économie de marché ?*, Λυών – Παρίσι, de Boccard 2008
- Z. H. Archibald et al. (επιμ.), *Hellenistic economies*, Routledge 2001.
- P. Cartledge et al. (επιμ.), *Money, labour and land: approaches to the economies of ancient Greece*, Routledge 2001
- Th. Gallant, *Risk and survival in ancient Greece: reconstructing the rural domestic economy*, Cambridge, Polity press 1991

#### Assessment

Final oral exam. Students are advised to present written essays.