

Economic and Social History online

Economic and Social History Online (ESO) is an interdisciplinary project for e-learning und blended learning addressed to students of Social and Economic History. ESO contains 4 modules: an introduction and the modules „topics“, „methods“, and an „online database“. ESO is based at the Research Center for Social and Economic History in Zurich and is being developed by the teams of Professor Jakob Tanner and Professor Ulrich Woitek.

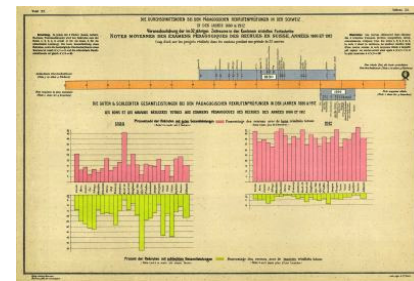
Topics of the Swiss Economic and Social History



Important topics of modern Swiss Social and Economic History - edited in the following 6 exciting lessons, illustrated with clippings from sources, historical photographs, links and the current state of research:

- Development of Switzerland 1850-2000
- Living Standard and Social Statistics
- Money, Banking and Credit System (1880-1973)
- Production of Energy, Conflicts around the Use of Resources and Environmental Movements.
- National Budget, Tax State and Social Policy in the Postwar Period
- Knowledge Society and Mass Media (1950-2000)

Methods of Quantitative Economic History



- We teach the basics for working with historical data and applying economic theories for the analysis of historical phenomena in 6 lessons (German and English)
- The lessons meet the different needs of our target group (students of history and economics), caused by their heterogenous state of previous knowledge.
- We use the spreadsheet-program Excel for data analysis. Demo clips based on flash animations thoroughly show the students how to proceed.

Swiss Economic and Social History Online Database

- More than 10'000 time series cover Swiss Economic History of the 19th and 20th centuries.
- The data were collected at the Research Center for Social and Economic History at the University of Zurich under the guidance of Hansjörg Siegenthaler
- Printed edition: Heiner Ritzmann-Blickenstorfer und Hansjörg Siegenthaler (1996), Historische Statistik der Schweiz, Chronos.

