

COURSE DETAIL

ECONOMIC HISTORY

Country

Italy

Host Institution

University of Commerce Luigi Bocconi

Program(s)

Bocconi University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History Economics

UCEAP Course Number

119

UCEAP Course Suffix

B

UCEAP Official Title

ECONOMIC HISTORY

UCEAP Transcript Title

ECONOMIC HISTORY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

The course focuses on the long-term economic development of Western societies, exploring the factors leading to the pre-eminence that they acquired over other world areas. Concepts and theories from the social sciences are used as a starting point for understanding the development of real economies in their complex social, political, and cultural contexts. Although the course focuses on the West (Europe and northern America), the developments which took place elsewhere are also considered. The introductory part of the course focuses on the preindustrial period, and introduces the theoretical framework of the "Great Divergence" (leading to the pre-eminence of the West over the East) and "Little Divergence" (leading to the pre-eminence of northern over southern Europe) to understand the emergence of key economic and political hierarchies between different world areas. The Industrial Revolution which took place in Europe during the 18th and 19th centuries constitutes the core of the course. The paths to industrialization and modernization followed by other world areas are also explored. The final part of the course covers the period going from the so-called "first Globalization" (1870-1914) until today. The course discusses fundamental knowledge about the long-term economic and social developments that gave origin to the contemporary globalized and highly-interconnected (but also highly unequal) world.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

30524

Host Institution Course Title

ECONOMIC HISTORY

Host Institution Campus

Bocconi University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Social and Political Sciences

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