COURSE DETAIL

THE ECONOMICS OF INEQUALITY, DISCRIMINATION, POVERTY, AND EXPLOITATION IN THE AGE OF AI

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University of Cambridge, Pembroke College

Program(s)
Summer in Cambridge

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Economics

UCEAP Course Number
118

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
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UCEAP Transcript Title
ECON INEQUALITY/AI

UCEAP Quarter Units
5.00

UCEAP Semester Units
3.30

Course Description

The course examines critical economic issues that influence contemporary societies, including income inequality, labor market discrimination, poverty, exploitation, migration, and feminism. Focusing on both theoretical frameworks and empirical evidence, the course provides a comprehensive understanding of how economic disparities emerge, persist, and may be addressed. Students explore global perspectives, with a focus on Europe, the US, China, and India, analyzing the role of race, gender, and social origin in shaping economic opportunities and outcomes. The course also explores how Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies shape income distribution, employment opportunities, and economic equity. As AI integrates into numerous industries, it influences wage structures, job availability, and productivity, often favouring those with access to specialised skills or technology. This course investigates whether AI reduces or exacerbates existing income gaps and examines if its benefits are distributed equitably across social and economic groups. The course also considers policies and regulatory frameworks that aim to ensure AI supports more inclusive economic outcomes.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty Economics, Business, Finance and Management
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
Course Last Reviewed 2025-2026

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