

# COURSE DETAIL

## HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT

**Country**

South Africa

**Host Institution**

University of Cape Town

**Program(s)**

University of Cape Town

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Economics

**UCEAP Course Number**

131

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

HIST ECON THOUGHT

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course explores the history of economic thought beginning with Adam Smith's defense of market society at the start of the industrial revolution and Karl Marx's critique of capitalism. It includes debates over socialist and development planning, the rise of development economics in the colonial and post-colonial context, and debates over the role of finance in shaping growth and inequality. The relationship between state, market, and society is a central theme - as is the contemporary relevance of economic thought for Africa. Additional lenses are also given to theories developed around African economic development and their linkages with other continents and development theories. Assessment: coursework (50%) and a final exam (50%).

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

ECO3016F

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## Host Institution Campus

University of Cape Town

## Host Institution Faculty

Humanities

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Economics

**Course Last Reviewed**

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