

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

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