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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