COURSE DETAIL

THE ECONOMY OF CITIES
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University
Program(s) Utrecht University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Urban Studies Geography Economics
UCEAP Course Number 142
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE ECONOMY OF CITIES
UCEAP Transcript Title ECONOMY OF CITIES
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

The course reviews agglomeration and clustering of economic activities from both geographical and urban economics disciplinary perspectives, in relation to cluster and urban economic policy. The course explains the current innovative and knowledge economy of firms and policymaking in relation to urban competitiveness. The geographical discipline focuses on clusters, network formation and industry evolution using institutional theories in which the actor-approach of firms and governments is central. Urban economics traditionally focuses on the role of externalities and urban contexts as attractions for firm and population location decisions and the growth and innovation potentials of firms in a more quantitative sense. Both disciplines heavily lean on empirical research, using complementary research methods like case-study research, surveys, spatial econometrics and general equilibrium modelling. Those methods are explained in the course in relation to current issues and empirical research on urban development. Much attention is given to regional and urban economic policy issues. Participants apply the theoretical and empirical insights from the lectures in an actual case study of urban policy in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
Utrecht University

Host Institution Faculty
Geosciences

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Human Geography and Planning
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