COURSE DETAIL

GLOBAL ECONOMIC HISTORY

Country
Japan

Host Institution
Waseda University

Program(s)
Waseda University

UCEAP Course Level
Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Economics

UCEAP Course Number
10

UCEAP Course Suffix
A

UCEAP Official Title
GLOBAL ECONOMIC HISTORY

UCEAP Transcript Title
GLOBAL ECON HISTORY

UCEAP Quarter Units
3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course examines global economic history from 1500 to 1900 through a “polycentric” and “connected histories” framework, moving beyond traditional Eurocentric narratives. Rather than portraying Europe as the sole driver of economic change, the course highlights the role of Asian, African, and American actors in shaping the global economic order. The course is organized in four parts: (1) The polycentric world before European expansion; (2) Early connections that modified but did not destroy existing systems; (3) The multiple paths of the Great Divergence, and (4) The consolidation of an unequal world system. The course also integrates environmental and gender perspectives as essential analytical lenses. Key topics include Asian maritime trading systems, global silver flows, plantation economies, the industrial revolution, the Great Divergence debate, and systems of coerced and contractual labor.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ECNH101L

Host Institution Course Title
GLOBAL ECONOMIC HISTORY (INTRODUCTORY) 01

Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
Waseda University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
School of Political Science and Economics

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