COURSE DETAIL

ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY: THEORIES AND ENQUIRIES
Country United Kingdom - Scotland
Host Institution University of Edinburgh
Program(s) University of Edinburgh
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 108
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY: THEORIES AND ENQUIRIES
UCEAP Transcript Title ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description
The first half of the course introduces major theories of economic sociology and their relationship to mainstream economics. The course begins with the field of behavioral economics and asks how far its theories take us towards a sociological perspective. This lays the groundwork for examining the idea of embeddedness, which has been economic sociology's main metaphor for socializing our view of markets since the 1980s. The course then looks at the alternative theoretical perspectives which have developed in the decades since, including the idea of "markets as politics" and the notions of "calculation" and "performativity." The second half of the course focuses on the application of these concepts to case studies of neoliberalism, carbon markets, financial models, and regulation. For example, the course asks if economic theory is not just modelling the economy but also playing a large role in shaping it and what this means for a society. Students also look at the sociological mechanisms involved in the uptake of mathematical financial models and their possible role in economic crises.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Sociology

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