COURSE DETAIL

THE GREAT DIVERGENCE: WHY SOME COUNTRIES PROSPER AND OTHERS DON'T

Country
Netherlands

Host Institution
Utrecht University

Program(s)
Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
127

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
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UCEAP Transcript Title
WHY COUNTRIES PROSP

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course examines different ideas as to why some countries have flourished and others have failed to do so. Why are few countries rich and many poor? How can we explain big differences in wealth even within countries? If the turbulent development of countries like China and India is any measure to go by, we are likely to see major changes in the future. To understand how such economic transformations work, and what their effects might be, this course looks to the historical record. Why did the Industrial Revolution take place in England and not in China? Why could other western countries easily catch up with England, while large parts of Asia, Africa, and South-America remained underdeveloped? Many theories and concepts have been developed to help answer these questions, ranging from the role of climate, culture, or population, to the institutional approach that is currently fashionable. In this introductory course students discuss an overview of these theories and concepts, and analyze the social, economic, and political development of societies in different parts of the world from the Middle Ages to the present.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
GE3V20013

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
History and Art History

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