COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY OF PUBLIC ECONOMICS AND POLICY
Country Italy
Host Institution University of Bologna
Program(s) University of Bologna
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Economics
UCEAP Course Number 151
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title HISTORY OF PUBLIC ECONOMICS AND POLICY
UCEAP Transcript Title HIST PBLC ECON POL
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course provides students with tools to think critically and autonomously about economic ideas and public policy. The course develops the skills to elaborate a map of the successive interfaces between economics and policy, and to understand the major controversies surrounding the development of positive and normative economics. Economists think and write about the world in order to understand the way economic systems function, but also – sometimes – in order to transform them. This course provides an in-depth understanding of the role of economists in public policy since the end of the 19th century. The course is structured in three parts: 1) a description of the different regimes of the interventions of economists in policy. This part explores the evolution of the role of economists and the status of economic knowledge, from the margins to the core of policymaking, following the successive regimes of intervention. Then it analyzes the changing nature of economists' role in policy after the Great Depression and post-war deregulation movement; 2) a series of case studies focused on institutions. This part is devoted to a series of historical case studies focused on the development of policies aimed at tackling poverty, inequality, and discrimination. The use of economics is explored in specific institutions; 3) an exploration of conflicting values through the history of public economics. The last part is about the practice and the scholarship on public policy. It investigates the history of the fields of welfare and public economics since the 1930s and the treatment of conflict between the positive and normative approaches in economics.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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