

COURSE DETAIL

GLOBAL HISTORY AND MODERN CAPITALISM:1400-1820

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

University of Galway

Program(s)

University of Galway

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

169

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

GLOBAL HISTORY AND MODERN CAPITALISM:1400-1820

UCEAP Transcript Title

GLBL HIST:1400-1820

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

In the last twenty years the history of capitalism has been one of the most important themes in Global History. In this course, students are introduced to the key debates in this area. Students learn to differentiate capitalism from other kinds of economic organization, engage with the periodization for capitalism, and explore international trade and domestic institutions in the development of the modern economy. The central section of the course is taken up with the debates around consumption, slavery, and empire. Core reading in this section will include the classic Williams thesis, and its development in the literature on the relationship between cotton and chattel slavery in the group around Rockman and Beckert. The penultimate section addresses the history of finance capitalism, looking at the inflationary effects of silver supply from the Americas in the early period, the era of financial experimentation in the 17th and 18th centuries, and the eventual emergence of a recognizable world of international finance around the Gold Standard in the early 19th century. Students conclude with a consideration of Pomeranz's "Great Divergence" between Atlantic and Asian economies.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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HI2158

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Host Institution Campus

University of Galway

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Host Institution Department

History

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