

# 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

### **Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

History

**Course Last Reviewed**

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