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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