COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT 1: THE FOUNDATIONS, FROM ARISTOTLE TO MARX

Country
France

Host Institution
Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)
Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Economics

UCEAP Course Number
110

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT 1: THE FOUNDATIONS, FROM ARISTOTLE TO MARX

UCEAP Transcript Title
HIST ECON THOUGHT 1

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

The course follows a traditional chronological approach (from antiquity to the 1860s), providing an introduction to the development of major schools of thought. The emphasis is on understanding the historical, political, and cultural context that contributed to the emergence of economic doctrines. Neither a history of simple “ideas” nor a history of economic theories alone, this is a contextual history that seeks to explain how and why, in each era, different ways of thinking about economics took hold. It examines how three ages of thought follow on from and intermingle with one another: moral (conforming behavior to norms defining the good life); political (working for the prosperity and power of nations); and scientific (developing a rational explanation of economic behavior and phenomena).

Language(s) of Instruction
French

Host Institution Course Number
CECO 25F00

Host Institution Course Title
HISTOIRE DE LA PENSÉE ÉCONOMIQUE-1. LES FONDATIONS, D'ARISTOTE À MARX

Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Seminar

Host Institution Department

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