

COURSE DETAIL

ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Country

Korea, South

Host Institution

Korea University

Program(s)

Korea University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

144

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course examines the economic geography of developing countries through a Marxist theoretical lens, exploring how capitalism creates and maintains global and local inequalities through spatial processes. Students engage with foundational concepts including primitive accumulation, uneven development, world-systems theory, and the new international division of labor to understand how wealth extraction, labor exploitation, and environmental degradation operate across geographic scales. The course traces the historical development of core-periphery relations from colonialism through contemporary neoliberal globalization, analyzing specific processes such as export processing zones, land grabbing, structural adjustment programs, and resource extraction in the Global South. Through critical examination of topics including urbanization and slums, gendered labor relations, social reproduction, and environmental crisis, students will develop analytical tools, including mapping, to understand how capitalism necessarily produces geographic inequality while also exploring forms of resistance, social movements, and alternative development strategies emerging from the Global South. Using learning circles and collaborative pedagogical approaches that embody democratic and egalitarian principles, the course connects theoretical analysis with contemporary struggles for social and environmental justice, preparing students to critically analyze and engage with questions of global development, spatial inequality, and transformative social change.

Students will complete syllabus quizzes, mapping exercises using GIS, a midterm exam, and a final research paper.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DISS362

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Host Institution Course Details

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