

# COURSE DETAIL

## POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University - University College Utrecht

**Program(s)**

University College Utrecht

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

South & SE Asian Studies Sociology Political Science History Economics

**UCEAP Course Number**

125

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

POL ECON GLOB SOUTH

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## **Course Description**

This course takes an interdisciplinary approach by introducing contemporary development issues in the Global South. It draws on literature from Political Science, Economics, History, and Sociology. The module explores and analyzes the intersection of politics, history, sociology, governance, and economics in relation to development in the Global South. It does so by investigating the influence of colonialism, governance, culture, institutions, conflicts, and external forces on the development trajectories in the Global South. Empirically, the course addresses important questions such as: What is the connection between colonial history and development in the Global South; Why have some countries within the Global South developed faster than others since the WWII; What has been the impact of institutions on development in the Global South; What has been the impact of natural resources on politics and development in the Global South; Are there forms of corruptions compatible with development in the Global South; What is the role of foreign aid and foreign direct investments in development, including the China-effect in the Global South? The module also introduces students to important political economy theories such as Neo-patrimonialism, Corruption and Clientelism, Developmental state, Decoloniality. It achieves all the above by offering space for a diversified body of literature and perspectives.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

UCSSCPOL25

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### **Host Institution Course Details**

<https://cursusplanner.uu.nl/Curriculum>

### **Host Institution Campus**

Utrecht University

**Host Institution Faculty**

University College Utrecht

**Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department****Course Last Reviewed**

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