COURSE DETAIL

LATIN AMERICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
London School of Economics

Program(s)
London School of Economics

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Latin American Studies Economics

UCEAP Course Number
122

UCEAP Course Suffix
Y

UCEAP Official Title
LATIN AMERICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY

UCEAP Transcript Title
LAT AMER& INTL ECON

UCEAP Quarter Units
12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

How can we explain Latin America’s persistent inequality and uneven development? This course explores the region’s development trajectory in relation to the international economy from the colonial period (c. 1500–1800) to the present. It examines how political, economic, institutional, demographic, and environmental factors shaped — and were shaped by — Latin America’s integration into the world economy. Key themes include: the long-run determinants of Latin American development; the legacy of colonialism and its impact on inequality; the formation of modern states and markets; Latin America’s complex engagement with international markets and institutions; the persistent tension between development efforts and political and macroeconomic instability; Latin America’s industrialization efforts, especially in contrast to the European and East Asian development models; and the evolution of political regimes — from authoritarianism to democracy, through waves of populism and military rule. The course pays particular attention to the interaction between policy choices, political culture, and economic outcomes, exploring their short- and long-term effects on poverty, inequality, and prospects for sustainable development. Due to its interdisciplinary nature, the course will appeal to students in Economic History, Economics, International History, Political Science, Development, and International Relations.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
EH225

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Economic History
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