

COURSE DETAIL

INNOVATION, CAPITALISM, AND THE MAKING OF MODERNITY, 1850 TO THE PRESENT

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

156

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

INNOVATN&CAPITALISM

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is intended not just for historians, but also for humanities students, social scientists, and scientists and engineers who want to learn not only how the world has been transformed by innovation, by imitation, and by historically novel machines, structures and processes which have resulted. It is concerned primarily with innovation in the material, and that taking place in the context of capitalism. However, it also covers the socialist world, and the poor world, of the 20th century. It is also an invitation to learn about how to think about this central transformation in human history. The course also provides tools for examining such elusive yet important notions as invention, innovation, science, technology, and introduce key debates surrounding questions of machines, production, and efficiency in the historiography of the 20th century, relating them to various different forms of analysis from political economy to gender studies, in sites from the factory to the field and the home, covering the globe.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

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<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/innovation-capitalism-and-the-makin...>

Host Institution Campus**Host Institution Faculty**

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department History
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