

## **Master/PhD seminar in Economic Geography**

### **Global South, Emerging Economies and Growth Regions: Uneven Development and the Global Economy**

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#### **Course Summary**

This course focuses on understanding the workings of the global economy and the changing geographical relations between different world regions with an emphasis upon the global south and emerging economic regions. Using key concepts such as uneven development and global production networks, the course draws upon a range of material from Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa to critically assess the changing fortunes of regions in the global economy. The course emphasises the importance of a critical geographical perspective in understanding the nature of global economic dynamics, the relations between key processes and actors in shaping different national and regional development outcomes.

#### **Objectives:**

By the end of the course you should have an understanding of:

- Key concepts and processes shaping the changing economic geography of the global economy
- Shifting relations between world regions in the global economy
- Diverse experiences and economic development prospects of the global south
- Geographies of conflict and opposition in the global economy

#### **1. Conceptualising the global economy**

- Introduction - understanding the workings of global capitalism
- The changing geography of economic development
- Global production networks

#### **2. Global shifts: the changing geography of the global economy**

- The decline of Europe and the rise of the Asia-Pacific
- Uneven development and a new imperialism in Africa
- An alternative development model in Latin America?

#### **3. Political economy of globalisation**

- Labour and trade unions in the global economy
- Globalisation from below: resisting neoliberalism in the global south
- Financial crisis, recession and the global south

#### **Location and dates:**

Our course will take place in room 524 (Wiso-Building). It will be a six day-course starting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December with two blocks (in December 2016 and January 2017). The first block of two days (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December)

will consist of lectures that outline basic themes from the course. The second block of 4 days (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January) will consist of student presentations.

First Block:

Friday, 9 December: 16:00 - 19:00 h

Saturday, 10 December: 10:00 - 17:00 h (including 1 hour lunch break)

Second Block: (timings provisional, depending on number of students on course)

Wednesday, 25 January: 16:00 - 19:00 h

Thursday, 26 January: 16:00 - 19:00 h

Friday: 27 January: 16:00 - 19:00 h

Saturday, 28 January: 10:00 - 17:00 h (including 1 hour lunch break)

**Assessment:**

Your final mark will be derived from coursework that comprises:

(i) Seminar presentation (30%): You will be assessed on the basis of your presentation on an assigned seminar topic. The assessment will be based on intellectual inputs, originality of ideas, and, if relevant, empirical evidence.

(ii) Research paper (50%): Before the seminar presentation, you will write up your research in the form of a report. Your report will be assessed on the basis of originality of research and intellectual ideas.

(iii) Active participation during discussions (20%): Obviously, the focus lies on your presentation and essay, nevertheless you ought to be active and contributing to discussions by asking questions and making comments related to the presentations of other students.

**Key Texts:**

Main course text:

Dicken, P. (2015) *Global Shift*. Sage, London, seventh edition

Secondary texts:

Coe, N. and Yeung H.W.C. (2015) *Global Production Networks: Theorising Economic Development in an Interconnected World*,

Coe, N. Kelly, P. Yeung H.W.C. (2013) *Economic Geography: A Contemporary Introduction*. Blackwell, Oxford.

MacKinnon D and Cumbers A (2011) *An Introduction to Economic Geography: Uneven Development, Globalisation and Place*. Pearson, London (second edition).