INEQUALITY, POVERTY AND GLOBALISATION

Total length of the module: 45 hours
Number of sessions: 30
Length of each session: 1,5 h

INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

Inequality defines the world we live in. At the turn of the 21st century, the richest five percent of people received one-third of total global income, the next 15 percent richer got another third while the poorest 80 percent of the population had to share the remaining third. In this course we will study the development of international and global inequality, inequality within nations, gender inequality and poverty in the long run. The main questions that the student will be able to discuss are: has inequality increased over time?, does globalisation make the world more unequal?, what policies have been implemented in order to reduce inequality and how effective have they been?, and why should we care about poverty?

REQUIREMENTS

Fluent in English

CONTENTS

International and global inequality
1. Concepts of inequality: international and global inequality
2. Development in the 20th century
3. Factors explaining international inequality
4. Poverty in Rich Countries. Poverty in poor countries

Does globalisation make the world more unequal?
5. Did growth breed inequality or did inequality breed growth?
6. Origins of the big divergence between countries
7. Trade and inequality
8. The role of migration

In depth study of the relation between inequality and
9. Welfare State
10. Gender  
11. Colonisation  
12. Schooling

GRADING

Mid-term exam (30%): To be written in class. The exam will consist of two parts, one with multiple choice questions and the other with one essay question on the material from the lectures and readings.

Presentation (30%): Based on an article chosen from a given reading list.

Final Exam (30%): To be written in class. The exam will consist of two parts, one with multiple choice questions and the other with one essay question on the material from the lectures and readings.

Participation (10%): Attendance is compulsory.

BIBLIOGRAPHY


