

SYLLABUS

Name of the course:	Nature, Labour and Capital in Globalization			
Teacher:	Cédric Durand			
University / organisation:	University of Geneva			
Language of teaching:	English			
ECTS:	6			
Semester (S1, S2, S3 or S4):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S1	<input type="checkbox"/> S2	<input type="checkbox"/> S3	<input type="checkbox"/> S4
Teaching method(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture courses		<input type="checkbox"/> Flipped classroom	
	Other: _____			
Type(s) of evaluation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sitting exam		<input type="checkbox"/> Written report	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral defence		<input type="checkbox"/> Group project	
	Other / comments:	Attendance to courses and tutorials is mandatory Critical summary of an academic paper + presentation (30%) Tentative Press Columns in tutorial (30%) Final exam : Brief essay in 2 hours (40%)		
Expected deadline(s) for the evaluation(s)	Presentations of academic paper along the semester December for the tentative Press Columns Exam mid-January			
Expected date of final results:	End of January			
Summary of the content:	<p>This module provides theoretical, historical, and institutional perspectives to understand globalization and its current unfolding from the perspectives of Political Economy, International Political Economy, and Ecological economics.</p> <p>International trade, global value chains, multinational corporations, and global finance are studied in relation to society-nature metabolism and socioeconomic dynamics. Conversely, the global ecological crisis, development prospects, and inequalities are linked to institutionally structured asymmetries in the global economy.</p> <p>The course organizes on these issues a dialogue between leading critical social theory and some key contributions of the specialized literature.</p> <p>The lectures and discussions in class are based on a selection of books extracts and articles. Some readings are required. Because the course will not allow exploring the details of the texts, it is a pre-condition to engage with the arguments. The tutorial will allow for additional personal work</p>			

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<p>Indicative list of lectures:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction: Political Economy in the Anthropocene 2. Genesis of Capitalocene 3. Modern Capitalocene: The Great Acceleration 4. The 1970ies: A Pivotal Decade 5. Shrinking developmental space <p><u>Tutorial 1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Uneven development along GVCs 7. Greening the international monetary and financial system 8. The degrowth debate <p>Tutorials 2,3 & 4</p>
<p>Short bibliography:</p>	<p><u>Introductory lecture</u></p> <p>Arrow, Kenneth, et al. "Are we consuming too much?." <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> 18.3 (2004): 147-172.</p> <p>Foster, John Bellamy. "Marx's theory of metabolic rift: Classical foundations for environmental sociology." <i>American journal of sociology</i> 105.2 (1999): 366-405..</p> <p>Harvey, D. (2006) [1982], <i>Limits to capital</i>, Verso, London & New-York. Chap 12.</p> <p>Jessop, B. (2014). "Capitalist diversity and variety: Variegation, the world market, compossibility and ecological dominance." <i>Capital & Class</i> 38.1 45-58.</p> <p>Kapp, Karl W., <i>The social costs of business enterprise</i>, Schoken Books, New-York, 1975 (1950), chap 2.</p> <p>Van den Bergh, J. C. (2001). Ecological economics: themes, approaches, and differences with environmental economics. <i>Regional Environmental Change</i>, 2, 13-23</p>