

SYLLABUS

Name of the course:	Political Economy of Capitalisms			
Teacher:	Bruno Amable			
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 type="checkbox"/> Sitting exam		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written report	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral defence		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group project	
	Other / comments: Participation 20%, Course paper 30%, Group project 50%			
Expected deadline(s) for the evaluation(s)	End of December			
Expected date of final results:	End of January			
Summary of the content:	<p>This course presents contributions from political economy or “heterodox” economics that analyse contemporary capitalism as well as capitalism in its historical dimension. The course draws from historical macroeconomics, institutional economics and the political economy of comparative capitalism. It aims to provide a theoretical background necessary to analyse issues such as the crises of capitalism, the stability of different “varieties” of capitalism, institutional change in modern economies, the spread of neoliberalism, financialisation, and the links between political and economic (in)stability.</p> <p>The course is divided into two parts. The first part will consist of seven lectures on some themes of political economy, with the introduction to some mainstream economics elements as well as some contributions to comparative political economy.</p> <p>The sessions of the second part will be based on an oral presentation of a theme by the students in charge of the session. The students’ presentation should be between 45 and 60 minutes long. All other students are expected to take an active part in the discussion that will follow.</p>			
Indicative list of lectures:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General introduction / Mainstream political economy 2. Mainstream political economy/ institutions 3. Institutions in economics 			

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Institutions, history and macroeconomics / The Régulation approach 5. Political economy of institutional change 6. Comparative political economy 7. Comparative Capitalism 8. Social protection 9. The “Nordic model” 10. State Capitalism 11. Industrial policy / Developmental State 12. Ecology / degrowth
<p>Short bibliography:</p>	<p>Bruno Amable, <i>The Diversity of Modern Capitalism</i>, Oxford University Press, London & New York, 2003</p> <p>Bruno Amable & Stefano Palombarini, <i>Multidimensional social conflict and institutional change</i>, <i>New Political Economy</i>, vol. 28, issue 6, Pages 942-957, 2023</p> <p>Robert Boyer, <i>Political Economy of Capitalisms</i>, Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore, 2022</p> <p>Peter A. Hall & David Soskice (eds), <i>Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage</i>, Oxford University Press, London & New York, 2001</p> <p>Michal Kalecki, « <i>Political Aspects of Full Employment</i> », <i>The Political Quarterly</i>, vol. 14, n° 4, p. 322-330, 1943</p>