

SEEP COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course title:	Growth, Well-Being and Development			
Teacher(s):	Manuel Scholz-Wäckerle, Jürgen Essletzbichler			
Course credit:	ECTS: 8		Hours per week: 4	
Semester	▶ S1	S2	S3	S4
Teaching method(s):	frontal lectures, seminars, group presentations, debates and interactive methods			
Type(s) of evaluation:	▶ Exam		Written report	
	▶ Participation / Presentation		Group project	
	Other:	written mid- as well as end-term exam		
Short course description	<p>This course is separated into two parts, sessions 2-7 are lectured by Manuel Scholz-Wäckerle, sessions 8-13 are lectured by Jürgen Essletzbichler.</p> <p>The course is structured in a frontal lecture for all students to be held on Mondays, three student-led ‘seminars’ of 20 people each on Tuesdays. Each student is required to attend the Monday lecture and one seminar group, for a weekly total of 3 hours.</p> <p>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the process of economic growth and development in a historical and theoretical manner • Connect the dynamics of capitalist development to those of environmental processes • Understand the role of space and time in capitalist production systems • Understand capital as world-system making • Understand the role of technology and institutions for political economic evolution • Understand biophysical foundations of the economic process • Identify and discuss different political economic approaches to growth, development and well-being; 			
Topics (summary keywords)	<p>Session 1, Course overview and introduction</p> <p>Session 2, Capitalism, GDP and growth</p> <p>Session 3, Commodities, money and capital accumulation (Marx)</p> <p>Session 4, Technological and institutional change (Schumpeter and Veblen)</p> <p>Session 5, Production of space, development in the world system and global capitalism</p>			

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	<p>Session 6, Intellectual monopoly capitalism and the platform economy</p> <p>Session 7, Mid-term exam</p> <p>Session 8, The necessity and limits of growth</p> <p>Session 9, Growth: Material foundations</p> <p>Session 10, Economics and planetary destruction</p> <p>Session 11, Extracting Growth: Racialized, Gendered, Imperial, Urban</p> <p>Session 12, From limiting growth to the “Good life for all”? Utopias, dystopias and multi-scalar transformations</p> <p>Session 13, Final exam.</p>
<p>Selected</p> <p>readings:</p>	<p>Every week a number of readings are presented and discussed in the lecture and the seminar.</p> <p>Detailed reading list to be handed out in the lecture.</p>

