

Comparative Studies of Regional Economic History Advanced Course

Special Subjects
Elective 2 credit

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1. Course Description

In this course, we shall study the “universality and diversity of capitalism” in detail by learning about the regional economic history of various regions. The format of this course is mainly “lecture”, but students will also take three monthly “review tests” and participate in “group discussions” to develop communication and presentation skills, which are essential for all university students. This course is related to Diploma Policies 1 and 2 of Graduate School of Economics (Doctoral and Master's Degree Programs), Division of Regional Economics and Policy.

2. Course Objectives

This course aims to :1. Provide the students with an understanding of the “universality of capitalism”, or the basic structure of a “market-based economy system”.2. Provide the students with an understanding of the “diversity of capitalism”, from the historical point of view. In other words, the differences between the capitalism that developed in the UK, Germany, and France and those which developed in other countries.3. Make students to think about the meaning of “diversity” in the globalization of capitalism.

3. Grading Policy

Group Discussions(25%), Tests(25%), Reports(50%)

4. Textbook and Reference

Textbook

In general, handouts(printed summaries) will be distributed, but students may need to buy designated textbooks from time to time.

5. Requirements(Assignments)

In the domain of history, we can understand its lessons more profoundly by comparing the past with the present. Therefore, in this course, students will need to stay on top of the latest current events in all fields by reading newspapers and books, as well as watching TV and doing research on the internet, etc.

Assignments of this course are given each time in writing.

6. Note

Through this course, it is desirable that students will gain an insight into values that differ from their own.

7. Schedule

- [1] Introduction
- [2] System of The Market Economy
- [3] Theories on Variations of Capitalism
- [4] Review Test and Group Discussion (1)
- [5] Characteristics of National and Regional Economy (1) : UK
- [6] Characteristics of National and Regional Economy(2) : Germany
- [7] Characteristics of National and Regional Economy (3) : France
- [8] European Integration and Regional Economy
- [9] Review Test and Group Discussion (2)
- [10] Case Study (1) : UK
- [11] Case Study (2) : Germany
- [12] Case Study (3) : France
- [13] Case Study (4) : Other countries
- [14] Review Test and Group Discussion (3)
- [15] Conclusion