



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2019/2020

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURES, POLITICS AND SOCIETY

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 20 hours

The Visiting professor will teach in two different courses.

COURSE TITLE

Sociology and Economics of Development

TEACHING PERIOD

1st term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Political economy and Political Science

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

The Degree Course is entirely taught in English

COURSE SUMMARY

The course explores issues related to development and modernisation processes by the combined use of economic and sociological perspectives.

The sociological dimension is involved in particular in illustrating the interplay between local development and global dynamics, as well as case histories of cooperation and development at the local level. The course illustrates the differences and overlapping between the "mainstream view" (built around three key dimensions: creative class, technological innovation and urban settlements) and the "new emerging perspective" on global and local development (emphasizing the role of new populations, the power of social innovation and the relevance of rural-urban settlements). Several case studies of local development facing global challenges or "wicked problems" are then illustrated. Some key issues related to development - the problem of understanding and measuring development, poverty, inequality, migration and population dynamics - are then considered through the lens of economic analysis. The course then focuses on the theory and practice of microfinance, and the problem of measuring the impact of programmes, policies, and projects in the context of developing countries. Case studies are then as potential applications of the theoretical concepts here illustrated.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Student will be able to analyze analytically and critically the mechanisms that govern the development of the territories, as well as to identify and plan local development actions with reference to collective action, cooperation and assessment of the needs of the territories. Moreover, students will get good knowledge of economic analysis of development issues, which are critically evaluated, using expert judgement; of general statistics measuring growth, inequality, human development, population dynamics in comparative framework; of the basic theoretical and practical issues related to microfinance. Finally, they will get familiarity with basic concepts of counterfactual impact evaluation and behavioural experiments in developing countries.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

Seminars and conferences in the economics and sociology of development addressed to PhD students and research fellows.

ADDITIONAL COURSE

COURSE TITLE
International Economics and Globalization

TEACHING PERIOD

1st term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Political economy

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

COURSE SUMMARY

The course aims at providing the basic theoretical instruments for the comprehension of the historical and ongoing processes of globalization in a "global political economy" perspective, that combines theory, history, and contemporary issues and debates, allowing students to understand the current debate about globalization and the main paradigms and orientations as regards international cooperation. The main focus is on how the policies of autonomous nations and regions interact at the international level in a globalized economy, and on the desirability of an international economic order (and related institutions) enhancing the policy space available to member countries (and emerging economies in particular).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students will demonstrate to have acquired knowledge of the terminology, principles, main techniques, and of the historical evolution of the discipline of global political economy, as well as the ability to understand theoretical and applied aspects conveyed by the textbook and complementary readings. They will be able to use the methods of global political economy and

international macroeconomics to analyse socio-economic issues related to globalization, to evaluate the available forms and possibilities of international cooperation, as well as to understand the current debate on economic policies in the international and in regional contexts. Students will learn to analyze effects and implications of economic policies, as well as the trade-offs implied in policy-making, in environments shaped by strong regional and international interdependence.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

Seminars and conferences addressed to PhD students and research fellows.

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The visiting professor should demonstrate:

- in-depth experience in the field of development and post-development studies, to be documented by publications in peer-refereed journals, as well as in the field of international cooperation, to be documented by coordination of research projects and activities;
- experience in the teaching of economics, development economics and international political economy, particularly at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels;
- a strong commitment to both interdisciplinarity (concerning in particular the relationships between the economic and the sociological approaches) and, as regards economics in particular, to a perspective that fruitfully exploits the convergence between micro- and macro-development economics.

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