Globalization and Inequality

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Credits: 4 Credits (8 ECTS)
Semester: Fall 2018
Course Schedule: Tuesdays 11:30-15:10
Office Hours: Tuesdays 15:30-17:30 and by appointment

Course Objectives

This course aims to explore the relationship between inequality, globalization of economic markets and institutions. More particularly it tries to answer the questions of why certain nations are able to adopt institutions and policies that promote equality; under what conditions, economic, social and political capital foster equality; and what economic policies need to be put in place. A greater focus is put on the developing world but different regions are covered depending on the relevancy of the topic. In the first part of the class, the concepts of inequality (income, opportunity, mobility, inclusion, etc.) are introduced. Then, global inequalities are discussed both within and across countries. The second part of the class looks at the implications of global trade, capital markets and privatization for inequality within developing countries, and how inequalities shape political institutions. In the third part of the class, the role of global policies in addressing unequal opportunity and global market failures are analyzed. These topics are studied both from a theoretical and empirical perspective to enable students with a broad understanding of global issues and policies.
Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course, the students are expected to:

- understand the basic terms about globalization and inequality
- have sufficient knowledge to apply these concepts in their research
- formulate researchable questions
- to be able to follow and understand the literature related to the subject matter
- be able to follow theoretical and empirical debates about globalization, inequality and institutions
- acquire knowledge of methodologies and assumptions in the study of globalization, inequality and institutions
- gain skills for presenting and critically discussing scholarly work by others

Class structure

Most meetings start with an instructor-led lecture explaining key concepts; key arguments; key theoretical and methodological approaches; puzzles & questions; the relevance of the subject matter. Then, the meetings are followed by a seminar based on the discussion questions by students circulated prior to the class time. Meetings with a different structure will be announced in due course.

Grading and Assessment

All of the students are expected to attend and actively participate in the class discussion. The participation counts for 10% while the presentations make up 15% of your grade for the course. There is also midterm and final paper, which counts for 35% and 40% respectively. The grades won’t be based on a curve.

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Late submissions and plagiarism cases are subject to departmental rules.

Note on Citing and Referencing

You will be expected to use Harvard style referencing. Please find an extensive citation and referencing guide on the course website: [http://ceulearning.ceu.edu/course/view.php?id=4862](http://ceulearning.ceu.edu/course/view.php?id=4862). At the same time, you are strongly encouraged to use a citation manager software for all your written assignments, in which case you can use Chicago style referencing.
Week 1: Globalization and Distributive Justice (18 September)


Week 2: Defining and Measuring Globalization (25 September)


Week 3: Dimensions of Inequality – Economic Inequalities (9 October)


Week 4: Dimensions of Inequality – Political Inequalities (16 October)


Week 5: National Holiday (23 October)
**Week 6: Open Trade and Inequality (30 October)**


**Week 7: Open Capital Markets and Inequality (6 November)**


**Week 8: Labor Mobility and Inequality (13 November)**


**Week 9: Privatization and Inequality (20 November)**

Week 10: Two Way Relationship between Inequality and Institutions (27 November)


Week 11: Global Policies - Foreign Investment and Aid (4 December)


Week 12: Global Policies - Intellectual Property (To be scheduled)