

Nome: **Desigualdade e Política no longo prazo**

Nome em inglês: **INEQUALITY AND POLITICS IN THE LONG RUN**

Objetivos:

O curso se destina a introduzir os alunos ao debate internacional sobre as causas políticas da desigualdade de riqueza dentro e entre as nações. Por que alguns países são mais ricos do que outros? Por que alguns países caem em armadilhas da pobreza e outras escapam desta situação? Quais são as relações entre desenvolvimento e distribuição? Sob quais condições os países são capazes de combinar igualdade e crescimento? Estas condições são sustentáveis no longo prazo? Para tratar destas questões, o curso apresentará os principais avanços empíricos e teóricos da economia política nas décadas mais recentes. A abordagem é comparativa, histórica e analítica. O material do curso é genuinamente inter-disciplinar e combina leituras da economia, ciência política e história. Para discutir a capacidade do campo para abordar as questões acima, o curso também discutirá os principais avanços metodológicos, em particular à integração das perspectivas micro e macro sobre desenvolvimento e distribuição.

Objetivos em inglês:

Why are some countries wealthier than others? Why do some nations get stuck in poverty and others manage to escape it? What is the relationship between distribution and development? Under what conditions are countries capable of combining equality and growth? Are these conditions sustainable? To address these questions this class introduces the fundamental theoretical and empirical advances in political economy in recent decades. The approach is comparative, historical, and analytical. The material in this course is genuinely inter-disciplinary and combines readings from economics, political science, and history. In discussing the ability of the field to approach the questions above we also pay attention to both theoretical and methodological advances, in particular to the integration of micro and macro level perspectives on development and distribution.

Justificativa:

O curso por sua contribuição à formação dos alunos na análise comparada de temas tão cruciais como crescimento econômico e distribuição. Além disto, o curso se justifica por apresentar aos alunos os desenvolvimentos teóricos e empíricos mais recentes da ciência política, da economia e da história.

Justificativa em ingles:

This class will be an excellent contribution to student training in the comparative studies on economic growth and redistribution. Moreover, it will be an opportunity for students to get in touch with the recent theoretical and empirical developments on the interdisciplinary of economics, political science and history.

Conteúdo:

O curso será uma combinação de leituras e debates em torno da literatura recomendada para cada classe.

1. Development, Inequality, and Politics: Puzzles (August 22nd)

- Amartya Sen (1999) Development as Freedom, Anchor Books, chapters 1-3
- David N Weil Economic Growth, selections (pdf available on Sakai).
- Robert Allen 2010. Global Economic History: A Very Short introduction. Oxford University Press.

2. Geography and the Spatial Polarization of Economic Fortunes (August 24th)

- Krugman Paul 1991. Geography and Trade (selections)

3. Institutions and Long Run Development (August 26th)

- Acemoglu, D Johnson S and J. Robinson 2002 “Reversals of Fortune: Geography and Institutions in the Making of the Modern World Economy” Quarterly Journal of Economics 1231-1296.
- Sokoloff, K. and S. Engerman “Institutions, Factor Endowments, and Paths of Development in the New World” Journal of Economic Perspectives? Volume 14, Number 3, Pages 217-232

4. State Capacity (August 29th)

- Carles Boix 2015 Political Order and Inequality (selections)

5. Political Competition I: Advanced Countries (August 31st)

- Avinash Dixit and John Londregan 1998: ‘Ideology, Tactics, and Efficiency in Redistributive Politics’ Quarterly Journal of Economics 113: 497-529. (focus on the core intuitions)

- Beramendi P., S. Hausermann, H. Kitschelt, H.P. Kriesi 2013. The Politics of Advanced Capitalism (Introduction)

6. Political Competition: Middle Income Countries (September 2nd)

- Amat, Francesc & Pablo Beramendi 2015 “Economic and Political Inequality: the Role of Political Mobilization”
- Arreche, Marta (ed) 2015 Trajetórias das Desigualdades, Unesp. (selections)

Conteúdo em inglês

The class will be a combination of lectures and discussion of the assigned readings. It is therefore essential for students to read the materials prior to the session, so that participation is effective. Textbook There is no textbook for this class. Materials will be available electronically.

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Forma de avaliação

A nota sera uma media ponderada dos seguintes itens;

1. Participação em classe (25%)

2. Exercício para cada classe: textos de até no máximo 1500 palavras a ser entregues antes de cada classe (75%)

Forma de Avaliação (inglês)

Your grade in this class will reflect a weighted average of the following items:

1. Participation in class (25%).

2. Response Papers: before each class you will deliver a short, written commentary on the material discussing its major strengths and weaknesses, and outlining potential lines of research that you think are necessary and worth pursuing to improve our understanding of the problem addressed by the readings. These response papers will be 1500 words max and will be delivered by 8 pm the evening before class. Each response paper will be graded and accounts for a total of (12.5 %) of your final grade ($12.5 \times 6 = 75\%$).

Each of these requirements will be graded on a 0-100 scale and weighted according to the criteria above.

Final grades will reflect the following scale:

>94: A
90-94: A-
86-89.9: B+
83-85.9: B
80-82.9: B-
76-79.9: C+
73-75.9: C-
60-72.9: D