

Economic Anthropology

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Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500256 Social and Cultural Anthropology	OB	2	1

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Use of languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: Yes

Other comments on languages

Lectures are in Spanish/Catalan: Erasmus and foreign students SHOULD be able to speak, read and write in at least one of these languages. No specific tutorial in English will be provided.

Prerequisites

No specific requirement is needed

Objectives and Contextualisation

- 1) To know the most important disciplinary contributions of economic anthropology.
- 2) To understand the historical and cultural diversity of the economic institutions other than the market society.
- 3) To identify forms of informal economy in our immediate environment.

Content

The contents of the subject are structured in different thematic blocks:

1. Anthropology and economics
2. Theoretical orientations in economic anthropology
3. Informal economy and employment.
4. Production.
5. Distribution.
6. Consumption

Within each block the topics are the following:

1. Anthropology and economics
 - Aristotle and the scholastics
 - Fisiocracy and political economy
 - The classical economy
 - The Marxist economy
 - The neoclassical economy
 - Keynesianism, Monetarism, Neoinstitutionalism.
2. Theoretical orientations in economic anthropology
 - Formalist arguments
 - Substantive Arguments
 - Environmental deterministic versus possibilityism
 - Cultural evolution and adaptation
 - Cultural ecology
 - Godelier's structural Marxism
 - Meillassoux: the mode of domestic production.
 - The invention of underdevelopment
 - The theory of dependence
 - The capitalist involution
3. Informal economy and employment
 - The dual labor market
 - The "end of work"
 - Beyond the market
 - Ethnic enclaves or ethnic economies
4. Production
 - Ecology
 - Technology
 - Work
 - Hunting-harvesting
 - Primitive agriculture
 - Breeders
 - Technology and evolution
5. Distribution
 - Commerce
 - Market
 - Multicenter economies
 - Primitive currency
6. Consumption
 - The ostensible consumption
 - Habitus, taste and distinction

