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Political Economy
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What is Political Economy?

• ‘Real-world economics’: The study of economic developments in their social, political and policy-relevant context

• Economic dynamics underlying social and political issues
What is Political Economy?

A broad and fundamental field of thought

- Foundational theories on state-market relations
- The politics of economic policy domains and markets
- The study of social, historical, and cultural factors in ‘economic’ processes
What is this minor about?

What questions are asked?

• How do economic dynamics produce winners and losers?
• How is political power exercised through economic means?
• How does that affect our society and policy choices?

Examples of focus

• Corporate social responsibility
• International development
• The politics of financial crises
• Globalization and populism
The programme

Mandatory courses
- *Semester 1*: Introduction to Political Economy (block 1, 6 EC)
- *Semester 2*: International Political Economy (block 4-5, 12 EC)

Electives
- *Semester 1*
  - Introduction to Political Science (block 1-2, 6 EC)
  - Introduction to Politics (block 1-2, 12 EC)
  - Introduction to International Relations (block 2-3, 12 EC)
- *Semester 2*
  - Diversity, Equality and Justice (block 4, 6 EC)
  - Sustainability Politics. Paradigms and Debates (block 5, 6 EC)
The programme

Mandatory courses

• **Introduction to Political Economy** (lectures + tutorials)
  • History of modern capitalism as the dominant (but not the only) organisational form of economic activity
  • History of politico-economic ideas, often driven by ‘real-world’ developments
  • Topics from current events which illustrate how old ideas are still relevant in today’s world

• **International Political Economy** (interactive lectures/seminars)
  • Different theoretical approaches to the field of IPE
  • Empirical examination of current affairs in the modern global political economy
For whom?

If you are interested in:

• International Political Economy
• Understanding developments in the global economy
• Pursuing a Master’s in Political Economy (at UvA)
• A career in economic policy-making, or in corporate sector-government relations

...then this is the perfect minor for you!