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Teacher(s)	Lemaître Andreia ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	<p>Informal economic activities are a persistent reality in today's world and constitute a key component of Southern societies. More than 50% of the workforce and almost 90% of SMEs worldwide operate in the informal economy (ILO, 2018). If agricultural employment was included in these statistics, the share of informal employment in total world employment would reach 61%, with even higher percentages in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa (ILO, 2018).</p> <p>The scientific literature apprehends these economic activities through the concepts of "informal sector", "popular economy" or "solidarity economy". The seminar aims to study, through these different conceptual grids, the socio-economic logics that are pursued by the actors operating in the informal economy. Anchored in this heterogeneous empirical reality, the seminar also puts in perspective mainstream development theories, like the theories of modernization.</p>
Aims	<p>At the end of the seminar, the student must have developed an in depth understanding of the different analytical grids developed by the scientific literature on informal socio-economic practices. He/she must be able to discuss these grids, compare them and mobilize them in order to critically assess various case studies and decode complex socio-economic realities. He/she must finally be able to situate these scientific concepts within broader development theories and contemporary debates on social protection and development.</p> <p>1</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i></p>
Teaching methods	Ex-cathedralectures present the theoretical background necessary for the appropriation of the topics related to the informal economy, the popular economy and the solidarity economy. The active pedagogy mobilized during following sessions consists, for the students, in providing a personal and detailed analysis of one aspect of the informal sector, relying on a body of key academic articles of this field of development studies.
Faculty or entity in charge	PSAD

<b>Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)</b>				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims
Master [120] in Population and Development Studies	SPED2M	5		