



Faculté des sciences économiques,
sociales et politiques

ESPO

ECON3330 History of Economic Thought

[30h] 3.5 credits

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Language: english
Level: 3rd cycle course

Aims

This course belongs to the group of critical courses aiming at complementing the technical education offered to our graduate students with a more philosophical, methodological and historical reflection. It should help students to get a broader perspective in an age of specialization and emphasis on technical skills. Moreover, it should also alert them to the fact that progress in economic theory, however elusive it may be, goes along with controversies and scientific revolutions.

Main themes

It is supposed that graduate students have already had some general introduction to the history of economic theories. Therefore this course will rather deal with special topics to be studied in depth. Possible topics are: the evolution of the meaning of equilibrium in economic theory; evolving conceptions of rationality in economic theory; the history of macroeconomics; controversies over involuntary unemployment in economic theory.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Prerequisite: none
Evaluation based on writing a synthetic paper.