

## Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences



### DEMO3456 Urbanisation, rural exodus and migrations

[10h] 2 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2006-2007, 2008-2009,...

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**Language:** French  
**Level:** Third cycle

#### Aims

A brief presentation of the various conceptions of ways of measuring the process of urbanisation, and a presentation of this process in countries of the north and south, and its relationships with migrations.

#### Main themes

- Definitions: The statistical approach including classical dichotomies (town-country, urban-rural, and the shift from the towns/cities to urban agglomerations); the dynamic approach with the process of urbanisation and its sociological, economic, geographical and demographic conceptions.
- Measuring instruments: From simple (e.g. size of the population) to composite indicators.
- The process of urbanisation in time and space: An analysis of the various phases (e.g. the rural exodus, the peopling of centres, over-urbanisation, peri-urbanisation and re-urbanisation).
- A review of relations between the process of urbanisation, structures and demographic behaviour.

#### Content and teaching methods

The course will consist of lectures, but students will be required to participate actively. A large section of the course will address issues of defining and measuring the process of urbanisation; these issues will be based on the process's dual spatio-temporal dimension. The remainder of the course will aim to provide students with a basic knowledge of the demographic and sociological content of the process of urbanisation in countries of the north and south.

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

Assessment: This will be in the form of summarised reading and applied work.

#### Programmes in which this activity is taught

**DEMO3DS** Diplôme d'études spécialisées en populations et sociétés

#### Other credits in programs

**DEMO3DA** Diplôme d'études approfondies en démographie (2 credits)  
**DEMO3DS** Diplôme d'études spécialisées en populations et sociétés