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## History of Economic and Social Development

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5.00 credits	30.0 h	Q1

Language :	French			
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve			
Main themes	In order to understand the society of the 21st century, it is essential to know its historical roots Globalization, North-South inequality, technological revolution, the hegemony of one country in a multipolar world, the con-struction of the European Union, the international monetary system, the birth of supernational authorities, the intervention of public power or market liberalization, protectionism or free trade, all these represent current issues based on secular studies. The history of social and economic development does not end with the analysis of economic growth in the long run, the objective of the course is to follow the five centuries of the capitalist development (from 1500 to nowa-days) by pointing out economic and social conditions, policies, ideologies of economic booms, transformations and the evolution of the system. The course follows five main successive steps: - the market economy (XVIst and XVIInd centuries) mettil tutti in numero (altrimenti devi togliere rd;th  ) - manufacturing (XVIII century) - industrial (XIX and XX centuries - post industrial (end of XX century and XXI century) The attitude of the course is interdisciplinary and comparative and it proposes a critical analysis on our model of development.			
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to:  Thanks to this course the students will acquire the following competences: 1) knowledge of the phases and of the main dimensions of the social and economic development of Western countries, from the 16th century until now; 2) the aptitude to have an historical long-run perspective on the main contemporaneous economic and so-cial debates (globalization, north-south equilibrium, technological revolution, etc.); 3) the capacity to express a synthetic reasoning and to support a critic discussion on economic and social development.			
Faculty or entity in charge	ECON			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Master [120] in Sociology	SOC2M	5		٩		
Master [120] in Economics: General	ECON2M	5		٩		