



School of Economics and Management

EEH036F, Demography of the Global South, 7.5 credits

Demografi i det globala syd, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Third cycle / Doktorandkurs

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Economic History on 2021-01-12 to be valid from 2021-01-18, spring semester 2021.

General Information

This is an optional course in the PhD programme.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies: Economic History

Learning outcomes

The student will acquire advanced knowledge of demographic processes and issues in the Global South, both theoretically and empirically. The student will also acquire knowledge about specific subtopics based on seminal literature in the field as well as from more recent academic publications using state-of-the-art methods and data. More specifically, students will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of causes and consequences of demographic change in the global south.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of demographic theory in terms of various topics discussed during the course.

Competence and skills

- Relate to and discuss observed outcomes from a theoretically informed position
- Display competence in contrasting demographic processes from different contexts and countries.

Judgement and approach

- Make critical use of empirical evidence in addressing different demographic processes of different regions in the Global South.
- Perform a comprehensive analysis of a relevant issue related to the course theme.
- Present the results of this analysis in oral and written form.

Course content

This course focuses on demographic processes and issues in the global south, both present and historical. With a point of departure in the Demographic transition, this course takes a multifaceted approach and covers various sub-fields within the field of demography, such as migration, mortality, health, fertility, and family issues. The overarching aim is to understand the causes and consequences of demographic change within the distinct subfields. With a focus on the global south, students will examine similarities and differences between countries and regions. Due to the breadth of the topic, the content of the course will vary from year to year in order to allow for addressing the selected subtopic at a level appropriate for a course at this level of progression.

Course design

This course focuses on demographic processes and issues in different regions of the global south, both present and historical. With a point of departure in the Demographic transition, this course takes a multifaceted approach and covers various sub-fields within the field of demography, such as migration, mortality, health, fertility, and family issues. The overarching aim is to understand the causes and consequences of demographic change within the distinct subfields. With a focus on the global south, students will examine similarities and differences between countries and regions. Due to the breadth of the topic, the course covers a set of sub-topics, focusing on a specific region or demographic process (such as fertility decline in Asia or the reduction in infant mortality in sub-Saharan Africa) the content of the course will moreover vary from year to year in order to allow for addressing the selected subtopic at a level appropriate for a course at this level of progression.

Assessment

Grading is based on individual performance both orally and in writing. Grading is continuous throughout the course. The greatest weight is given to the final paper.

The University views plagiarism very seriously and will take disciplinary actions against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail or Pass.

Entry requirements

PhD students applying for this course should have at least 60 credit points in either economic history, business administration, economic and social geography, economics, history, sociology or the equivalent knowledge.

Further information

This course cannot be included in the same degree as EKHT25.