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Empirical Research II (5ER2042)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Master en économie appliquée	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	3
Master en sciences économiques, orientation politique économique	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	3

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Printemps

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Objectifs:

Understand the relevance of inequality issues in economics, both at the macro and microeconomic level, and for developed as well as developing economies. Know where to find information sources and how to deal with them. Be at ease in calculating and interpreting a large array of inequality measures. Know how to deal with the various dimensions of inequality. Apply inequality concepts to the real world, identifying the main sources of inequality, analyzing their consequences, and discussing the impact of redistributive policies.

Contenu:

The first part of the course starts with a review of basic concepts and measurement issues regarding both inequality and mobility. Then it discusses the evidence in both developed countries and the developing world. The second part of the course presents applications to specific topics such as other dimensions of inequality (e.g. polarization and segregation), gender inequality and redistributive policies.

Forme de l'évaluation:

Midterm exam, written, 2h: 40% of final grade

Final exam, written, 2h during the June 2018 session: 60% of final grade

Retake: 2h written exam during the exam session

No documents or connected objects are allowed during the exams. Any violation of these rules will be considered as fraud, leading to the withdrawal of unauthorized items and possibly exam failure.

Documentation:

Selected documents available on Moodle

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Fields (2001). Distribution and development. Chapter 6.

Haughton, J. and Khandker, S. (2009). Handbook on Poverty and Inequality. The World Bank. Chapters 6 and 15.

Piketty, T. (2015). The economics of inequality. Belknap Press. Selected chapters.

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