

Economic Sociology: Financialization, Inequality, and Global Markets

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ECTS 7.5

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Course period 14 April 2023 to 9 June 2023

Language English

Course overview

Sociologists have always studied the economy, but in recent decades economic sociology has become one of the most vibrant areas of contemporary sociology. The aim of this course is to provide students with an overview of sociological perspectives on markets and their interactions with firms and governments in capitalist societies. The first part of the course will introduce students to key concepts in economic sociology, including institutions, networks, valuation, and performativity. The second part of the course will apply the sociological approach to developments in the contemporary economy, potentially including financialization, globalization, algorithmic trading, and income inequality.

Course structure

This course is given on a half-time basis and stretches over a period of nine weeks. Teaching consists of lectures, seminars, and reading assignments. Students will propose or undertake a research project as a constitutive element of the course.

Intended learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able at an advanced level to:

- describe and explain the key concepts and perspectives of economic sociology,
- analyze economic phenomena using multiple sociological perspectives,
- critically evaluate original research published research in the field of economic sociology, and
- design a research project that addresses both empirical and theoretical questions relevant to the field of economic sociology.

Examination and grading

Students are assessed based on how well they have achieved the intended learning outcomes. The learning outcomes are examined through weekly written assignments, active participation in seminars, and a written individual final assignment.

Course literature

Scientific articles and other resources: will be announced for each lecture and seminar.

Course schedule

Lecture and seminar meetings

| Week | Date | Time | Instructor | Topic |
|------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|--|
| v15 | Fri. 14-Apr-23 | 13:15-16:00 | Jacob Habinek | Introduction and preliminaries |
| v16 | Fri. 21-Apr-23 | 13:15-16.00 | Jacob Habinek | Social and economic networks |
| v17 | Fri. 28-Apr-23 | 13:15-16:00 | Jeaneth Johannson | Gendered constructions of entrepreneurship |
| v18 | Fri. 05-May-23 | 10:15-13.00 | Megan Tobias Neely | Inequality in the age of finance |
| v19 | Fri. 12-May-23 | 13:15-16:00 | Alexander Styhre | Organizations and institutions |
| v20 | Wed. 17-May-23 | 10:15-13.00 | Bo Hee Min | Sociomateriality of markets |
| v21 | Fri. 26-May-23 | 13:15-16:00 | Jacob Habinek | Culture and valuation |
| v22 | Fri. 02-Jun-23 | 13:15-16:00 | t.b.a. | t.b.a. |
| v23 | Fri. 09-Jun-23 | 13:15-16.00 | Jacob Habinek | Student presentations |

Institute for Analytical Sociology public seminars

| Week | Date | Time | Speaker | Presentation title |
|------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| v14 | Thu. 06-Apr-23 | 14:30-16:00 | Sebastian Kohl | Spatial polarization in housing markets |
| v18 | Thu. 04-May-23 | 13:00-14.30 | Scott E. Page | Institutional ensembles and civic capacity building* |
| v19 | Thu. 11-May-23 | 10:15-16:00 | Sean Reardon | t.b.a. |
| v18 | Thu. 15-Jun-23 | 10:15-13.00 | Carly R. Knight | The construction of financialized subjects* |

Note: IAS Seminars meet in Room KO301 (Campus Norrköping) and on Zoom. Seminars marked with an asterisk (*) will be held only on Zoom.