RP 534 NEW REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARADIGMS (CHANGING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STRUCTURE)

Course Code: 8520534
METU Credit (Theoretical-Laboratory hours/week): 3(3-0)
ECTS Credit: 5.0
Department: City and Regional Planning
Language of Instruction: English
Level of Study: Graduate
Course Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Ayda Eraydın
Offered Semester: Spring Semester

Course Objective

The course is designed to discuss the different paradigms, theories that explain changes in economic and political structure and its effects on production structure and spatial development.

Course Content

Economic development paradigms after 1970s economic crisis, deregulation, social differentiation and the role of the state, new theoretical debates on industrial development, the consequences of changing economic and political structure on spatial organization, new forms of governance.

Weekly Program

**Week 1:** Understanding the changes in the last two decades
- the changes that have taken place after the 1970s crisis
- the basic indicators of these changes
- The theories that are used for explanation of change in economic and political structure

**Week 2:** Technological change and new technologies in the information age

**Week 3:** Knowledge and learning and innovation for development: the key notions of competitiveness in the contemporary world

**Week 4:** The service world: globalisation and diversification of services

**Week 5:** Search for new policies for competitiveness

**Week 6:** Cluster development policies
Week 7: Regional innovation strategies

Week 8: The meaning of the changes on socio-economic and political spheres

- Labour processes
  - labour markets-segmentation- gender
  - increasing inequalities
  - exclusion-differentiation

Week 9: Competitiveness- social cohesion

- social inequalities-exclusion/inclusion
- social connectedness
- social order/disorder

Week 10: Urban social movements

Week 11: Changes in the regulation mechanisms and governance systems emergence of new institutions

Week 12: Changing patterns of development in Europe and the European periphery

- convergence / divergence
- structural change

Week 13: Changing patterns of spatial organization in the world

- city regions
- city networks

Week 14: Summing up: what we have learned?

Grading

Students who did not participate less than 30 percent of the classes will be graded NA.

% 30 Mid-term
% 30 Paper
% 40 Final exam

Learning Outcomes

This course aims to enable the students to explore and discuss the contemporary issues on regional development. The expected outcome is the increasing capability of students to understanding the changes in the different spatial levels.

Reference Material

Week 1: Understanding the changes in the last two decades


Castells M, 1989 The informational city: Information technology, Economic restructuring and urban and regional process (Blackwell, Oxford)

Cooke, P, 1983. Theories of Planning and Spatial Development (Hutchinson, London)


Plummer, P. and Taylor, M., 2001, Theories of local economic growth (part 1) concepts, models and measurement, Environment and Planning A, 33, 219-236

**Week 2:** Technological change and new technologies in the information age


G Dosi, C Freeman, R Nelson, G Silverberg, L Soete, Technical and Economic Theory Eds (Pinter, London)


**Week 3:** Knowledge and learning and innovation for development: the key notions of competitiveness in the contemporary world


**Week 4:** The service world: globalisation and diversification of services


Daniels P W (1985) *Service industries: A geographic appraisal* (Methuen: London)


**Week 5-6**: Search for new policies for competitiveness; Cluster development policies


**Week 7**: Regional innovation strategies


Gordon I R, McCann P. 2000, "Industrial clusters: complexes, agglomerations and/or social networks" Urban Studies 37 513- 532

**Week 8**: The meaning of the changes on socio-economic and political spheres; Labour processes


**Week 9**: Competitiveness- social cohesion


**Week 10**: Urban social movements


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**Week 11:** Changes in the regulation mechanisms and governance systems emergence of new institutions

Jessop, B. (1990), *State Theory: Putting the Capitalist State in its Place*, Pennsylvania University, University Park.

**Week 12:** Changing patterns of development in Europe and the European periphery


**Week 13:** Changing patterns of spatial organization in the world