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EDUCATIONAL THEMATICS

MSC course

Regional Economics

3MNRKG1-EA-REGANDURBANECON

Academic year: 2015-2016. I. semester

Number of class: 20 class hours

Credit: 5

Form of education: lecture and seminar

Form of group: whole study group

Form of rating: 2 pages

Number of pages:

Name of the course leader: DR. ZOLTÁN GÁL

Name of the lecturer: DR. ZOLTÁN GÁL

Name of the seminar leader: ZOLTÁN GÁL

Head of the department:

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Detailed course description

The course aims to introduce micro-and macro-economic processes of the regional economies with a special focus on the spatial processes of intra and interregional economic flows and on the nodes of the spatial economies. It discusses the related theoretical models and methods of analysis. Within the framework of regional microeconomics it discusses fundamental problems of location theories and the several location factors determining the location site selection decisions of the firms. It presents the competitive advantages of local business and industrial concentrations, agglomerations and regional cluster formations (benefits of agglomeration effects) and local business networks. The second part of the course regional macroeconomics examines issues of economic growth and development, the interregional flow-processes of the economy (migration, trade).. In addition, we examine the role of technology and innovation in regional development.

WEEK	DATE (MONTH.DAY)	FORM	PROGRAM	
			TOPIC	LECTURER
1.	13/02	lecture seminar	Introduction to Regional Economics	Zoltán Gál
2.	20/02	lecture seminar	Economy and Space	
3.	27/02	lecture seminar	Evolution of Globalization and its major players	
5.	7/03	lecture seminar	Introduction to locations;	
6.	13/03	lecture seminar	Location Theories	
7.	20/03	lecture seminar	Location theories in Industrial economies	
8.	27/03	lecture seminar	Location theories in Post-Industrial economies	
9.	03/04	lecture seminar	Agglomeration Economies	
10.	17/04	lecture seminar	Concentrations, clusters, networks	
11.	24/04	lecture seminar	Regional economic growth and development, Regional Growth theories	
12.	02/05	lecture seminar	Role of innovation in regional Growth	
13.	12/05	lecture seminar	Settlement structures; Stages of urban development	
14.	19/05	lecture seminar	Urban economies	

Requirements

Students have to present one of selected topics and all students must write an exam period.

Grading

It is based on mid-term and final exam and students will also write a reaction paper, a constructive critique of the literature or chosen topic covered in class or in the readings. In

addition, mastering the reading assignments and problem setting is also included in the evaluation.

Final exam 40%
Reaction papers 40%
Assignments 20%

Readings:

- Roberta Capello, Regional Economics, Routledge, 2006
- Gyula Horváth: Spaces and Places in Central and Eastern Europe. Historical Trends and Perspectives, 2014, Routledge.

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Dr. Zoltán Gál
Signature, head of the department