

Course number		U-LAS06 10015 LE43									
Course title (and course title in English)		Economy and Society I-E2 Economy and Society I-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation		Institute of Economic Research Professor,NEWTON, Jonathan Charles Scott					
Group		Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)					
Language of instruction		English		Old group		Group A		Number of credits		2	
Number of weekly time blocks		1		Class style		Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		2024 • First semester	
Days and periods		Thu.3		Target year		Mainly 2nd year students		Eligible students		For liberal arts students	
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
<p>This course is a "Great books" seminar that discusses the book "Collective choice and social welfare" by Amartya Sen.</p> <p>The book is a classic study that analyzes the theory of collective choice. It addresses topics such as whether the values of individuals can be aggregated in a way that leads to a sensible rule for social decisions to be made. As well as relevance to economics it has important philosophical aspects and is related to ethics and the theory of justice.</p> <p>The purpose of the course is to come to a thoughtful, nuanced understanding of this text.</p>											
[Course objectives]											
<p>~ To read, understand and critique "Collective choice and social welfare" by Amartya Sen.</p> <p>~ To improve critical reading skills.</p> <p>~ To prepare students for further analytical work in game theory, economics, sociology or philosophy.</p>											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<p>Each week a chapter or part of a chapter will be discussed in class. The course consists of the following topics, each of which will be covered in 1 to 2 lectures (1.5 to 3 hours of class time):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduction and preferences</li><li>2. Unanimity</li><li>3. Collective Rationality</li><li>4. Choice Versus Orderings</li><li>5. Values and Choice</li><li>6. Conflicts and Dilemmas: the liberal paradox</li><li>7. Interpersonal Aggregation and Comparability</li><li>8. Cardinality With or Without Comparability</li><li>9. Equity and Justice</li><li>10. Majority Choice and Related Systems</li><li>11. Theory and Practice</li></ol>											
[Course requirements]											
<p>Students are required to have the English and mathematical skills required to read the assigned texts, attend</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Continue to Economy and Society I-E2(2)</p>											

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class and participate in discussion.

Students MUST have a copy of the book (either a hard copy or an electronic copy) as it will be used from the very beginning of the course.

### **[Evaluation methods and policy]**

Grading will predominantly be based on class presentations and discussion of ideas (70 to 100%). Up to 30% may be based on in-class tests that can take place from time to time throughout the semester.

### **[Textbooks]**

Amartya Sen 『Collective Choice and Social Welfare』 ( Harvard University Press ) ISBN:9780674919211

### **[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]**

The assigned chapters of the book, as well as any other readings assigned in class, should be read each week.

### **[Other information (office hours, etc.)]**

Office hour by appointment.