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| <b>Course number</b>  | U-LAS06 10014 LE43                                   |                    |  |  |                          |                           |
| <b>Course title<br/>(and course title in English)</b>   | Economy and Society I-E2<br>Economy and Society I-E2 |                    | <b>Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation</b> | Institute of Economic Research<br>Professor,NEWTON, Jonathan Charles Scott |                          |                           |
| <b>Group</b>  | Humanities and Social Sciences                       |                    | <b>Field(Classification)</b>                                       | Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)                         |                          |                           |
| <b>Language of instruction</b>  | English  |                    | <b>Old group</b>   | Group A  | <b>Number of credits</b> | 2                         |
| <b>Number of weekly time blocks</b>   | 1  | <b>Class style</b> | Seminar<br>(Face-to-face course)                                   |  | <b>Year/semesters</b>    | 2025 • First semester     |
| <b>Days and periods</b>   | Thu.3  | <b>Target year</b> | Mainly 2nd year students   |  | <b>Eligible students</b> | For liberal arts students |
| <b>[Overview and purpose of the course]</b>   |  |                    |  |  |                          |                           |
| <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>  |  |                    |  |  |                          |                           |
| <b>[Course objectives]</b>  |  |                    |  |  |                          |                           |
| <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>  |  |                    |  |  |                          |                           |
| <b>[Course schedule and contents)]</b>  |  |                    |  |  |                          |                           |
| <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> |  |                    |  |  |                          |                           |
| <b>[Course requirements]</b>  |  |                    |  |  |                          |                           |
| <p>Students are required to have the English and mathematical skills required to read the assigned texts, attend</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: right;">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.

### **[Essential courses]**