

SOCI 5504F: Special Topics in Political Economy

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Theorizing Crisis in Political Economy: Historical and Contemporary Crises in Capitalism

This course examines how foundational political economy theories, including Austrian, Marxist, and Keynesian approaches, understand the role of crisis in capitalism. Students explore historical crises of capitalism from the Great Depression through the 2008 global financial crisis before considering contemporary crises, such as democratic decline, inflation, and climate change. Influential conceptual frameworks, such as polycrisis, will be critically examined alongside political economy approaches.