

## BEUR204 Employment, Economy, Technology and Change in Europe

ECTS Value     5 ECTS

### Overall Objectives and Outcomes

Employment, the economy and change brought about by technological development all affect the core of Europe. This module will look into various types of employment within the different economies across Europe. It will also highlight the development of economies of different European countries while comparing and contrasting them. It will also compare the levels of development in the economy of different European countries in order to highlight the factors which determine variations in development, with particular reference to the changes brought about by technological development. This will be discussed in reference to the aims of the Europe 2020 strategy which aims at smart, sustainable, inclusive growth.

By the end of this module, the learner will be able to:

### Competences

- a) establish the connection between employment, the economy, technology and change;
- b) analyse the current trends in economy and employment as well as the advancement in technology throughout the last century.

### Knowledge

- a) identify various types of employment within the different economies across Europe;
- b) understand different economies in different European countries;
- c) recognise the main changes which occurred in Europe in the last century, particularly those brought about by technological advancement.

### Skills

- a. demonstrate how the patterns of employment and the different economies within Europe have changed in recent decades;
- b. determine the main changes which have occurred in Europe throughout the last century;
- c. show how technological innovation has brought about changes in the economic and social spheres of European countries.

### Mode of Delivery

This module adopts a blended approach to teaching and learning. Information related to the structure and delivery of the module may be accessed through the IfE Portal. For further details,

kindly refer to the Teaching, Learning and Assessment Policy and Procedures found on the Institute for Education's website.

## Assessment Methods

This module will be assessed through: Critical Analysis, Presentation, and Practical Assignment

## Suggested Readings

### Core Reading List

1. Kraal, K., Roosblad, J. and Wrench, J (2009) *Equal Opportunities and Ethnic Inequality in European Labour Markets*. Amsterdam University Press, Netherlands. ISBN 9789089641267  
Downloadable -  
[https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/record/9200234/download\\_type\\_document\\_docid\\_430547.html?q=employment+europe](https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/record/9200234/download_type_document_docid_430547.html?q=employment+europe)
2. Holtslag, J.W., Kremer, M. and Schrijvers, E. (2013) *Making migration work*. Amsterdam University Press, Netherlands. ISBN 9789089645579  
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[https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/record/9200234/download\\_type\\_document\\_docid\\_448322.html?q=social+change+in+Europe](https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/record/9200234/download_type_document_docid_448322.html?q=social+change+in+Europe)
3. Nugent, N. (2017). *The Government and Politics of the European Union*. UK: Red Globe Press.

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1. Briguglio, B. and Brown, M. (Eds) (2016). *Sociology of the Maltese Islands*. Malta: Agenda.
2. Haralambos and Holborn (2013) *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives* (8<sup>th</sup> edition). HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.