

SYLLABUS

CLIMATE AND SOCIETAL CHANGES

INSTRUCTORS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This master class examines the multifaceted relationship between climate change and societal dynamics, focusing on how these elements influence one another across various demographic groups. The course is structured around key themes that address the intersections of climate change with economic development, gender inequality, health, demographics, migration, and political economy.

MAIN TOPICS and REFERENCES

- I. **Climate Change and Inequalities:** Explore the impact of climate change on economic growth and development strategies, analyzing how environmental challenges can hinder progress and exacerbate inequalities.

[Experiment: Pollution, Taxes and Permits](#)

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ASSESSMENT

- Assessment will be based on an **oral presentation**:

Students will propose two research papers of their choice to the instructors: one related to the first part of the course and the other to the second part. After the instructors have approved the selected papers, students will prepare two 10-minute oral presentations — one per article. Each presentation should include a summary of the article (50%) and a structured critical commentary in the style of a referee report (50%). On the exam day, the instructors will randomly select one of the two papers for the student to present, **without prior notice**.

Please note: papers must be selected from the reading list and approved in advance by the instructors.

References on how to write a referee report in Economics:

Jonathan B. Berk, Campbell R. Harvey and David Hirshleifer (2015) “[Preparing a Referee Report: Guidelines and Perspectives](#)”

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EXAMINATION RULES

<https://www.cyu.fr/formation/trouver-sa-formation/organisation-des-etudes/modalites-de-contrôle-de-connaissances>

INVITED SPEAKERS (Attendance is mandatory)

September 23 1:15 - 2:45PM CHEMIR 106	Cristina PEÑASCO (Banque de France) - <i>in English</i>
September 30 2:30 - 4:30PM CHEMIR 106	Guillaume QUEVAREC (Agglomeration Cergy Pontoise) - <i>en français</i>