

**PANTEION UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Erasmus course:

“Contemporary issues in local and regional development”

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Course Description:

The aim of this course is to present and discuss contemporary issues in local and regional development. Topics that will be covered include: the recent processes of urbanization and the concentration of economic activity; socio-economic inequalities within cities; the administration of cities and urban governance; trends in regional inequality; the implementation and the evaluation of regional policies, the functioning of regional and local labour markets; and geographical aspects of the creative economy. Previous knowledge of introductory economics and regional and urban economics is essential. Learning outcomes include the acquisition of sound knowledge of the functioning and the theoretical underpinnings of the modern economy from the global to the local level.

Teaching:

Each semester has thirteen two-hour lectures. Attendance is expected at all sessions.

Written work:

Students must write a research paper related to the contents of the course.

Readings:

Text book: Pike A., Rodriguez- Pose A. and Tomaney J. (2006), *Local and Regional Development*, Routledge. Further readings: Scott A. (2012), *A World in Emergence: Cities and Regions in the 21st Century*, Edward Elgar Publishing; OECD (2015), *The Metropolitan Century: Understanding Urbanization and its Consequences*, OECD Publishing, Paris. Maloutas T. (2016), *Athens Social Atlas*, electronic edition, <http://www.athenssocialatlas.gr>.

Assessment:

Writing and presenting a research paper.