Courses in English
Course Description

Department 13 General and Interdisciplinary Studies
Course title Great Minds in Economics: John Maynard Keynes
Hours per week (SWS) 2
Number of ECTS credits 2
Course objective In this course we will explore a variety of aspects of his public and private life: Keynes the economist, the friend, the lover and supporter of the arts, etc., and highlight the philosophy underlying his attitude towards money, work, education and the social and political issues of his time.

Prerequisites

Recommended reading

Teaching methods Although the course is mainly lecture, the students will be expected to do some individual, topic-related research and give a group presentation of their findings in class.

Assessment methods There is a written exam at the end of the semester. Active participation will count 30% towards the final grade. Regular attendance desirable.

Language of instruction English
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Course content When Lydia Lopokova, J.M.Keynes’ wife, said that “he was more than an economist,” her very often quoted words suggested, rather than described the complexity and many-sidedness of his personality. Other comments, this time made by peers, friends or government officials, were more concrete: Maynard was often seen as “an artist and a bit of a genius” , “supreme in his ability to translate theory into practice,” with an “unusual power of persuasion”, endowed with a kind of “critical intuition only to be paralleled by great historians and scientists,” views which “might be summed up in the image of one observer – in front of a large map he has the range of an eagle.” (Leon Edel, Bloomsbury, A House of Lions, Penguin, 1979, p. 232)

Remarks