

### **300017 ECONOMY AND SOCIETY IN 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY GREECE (spring semester)**

The course refers to the transformation process of modern Greece from an agrarian to an urbanized society. It describes how the newly established Greek State was endeavoring to modernize the traditional society of the 19<sup>th</sup> century "from above" by setting up the appropriate institutions. Yet, domestic material conditions and the native mentality proved so strong that the bourgeois institutions failed to fulfill their purpose. The main topics of the course, in this context, are: a) the peasant property and the first land reform, the commercialization of the agricultural products and the raisin issue, the question of large estates in Attica, Fthiotis, Euboea, Thessaly, Arta and the second land reform, b) the industrialization process and the transformation of Piraeus to the "Greek Manchester" and c) the introduction of the steam engine to the commercial shipping and the development of the foreign trade by sea.

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