HIS 396 Ideologies of Capitalism

Satisfies: SBS+

Thematic Categories: "Empires, Violence & Global Connections," "Law, Politics & Social Justice"

Tues/Thurs 10:00 AM - 11:20 PM

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From Franklin Delano Roosevelt to Shark Tank. This course examines the evolution of capitalism—an economic system whose defining feature is its unrelenting quest for competitive profit. Capitalism is by far the world's dominant ideology, but how much do we understand about the different ideologies that have shaped capitalism through its many phases? This course will explore the modern history of capitalism in four phases: (1) Laissez-faire capitalism (mid-19th century-1930s); (2) Welfare state capitalism (New Deal and post-WWII era); (3) Neoliberalism (1970s-2007/09); (4) The fourth phase, which some have dubbed Precarity capitalism, is now underway.