

# Political Economy

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## Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs

Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs (ISSP) is a teaching unit that includes Political Economy, Global Studies, the Asian Studies MA and Global Studies MA, as well as minors in Human Rights, Global Studies and Political Economy. ISSP provides an interdisciplinary approach to the study of international and global issues, as well as opportunities to examine specific regions of the world and investigate the historical and contemporary issues that have shaped these regions.

ISSP trains students in the knowledge and skills that are fundamental components of global citizenship and practice. ISSP has adopted an interdisciplinary approach to such training, with the belief that no single discipline can prepare students in the depth and breadth necessary for a complex and reflective understanding of world history and contemporary globalization. This offers students a rigorous, but flexible, curriculum, which recognizes that learning takes place both inside and outside of the classroom.

## Political Economy Program Description

Political Economy (POLECON) examines the relationship between politics and economics in modern societies and focuses on problems of both domestic and international policy. Based on the assumption that political-economic relationships are affected by any number of factors, such as society, culture, geography, and demographics, the curriculum is both multi- and interdisciplinary in scope. The focus of the major is on contemporary issues, although a strong historical perspective is also emphasized. Students may also study planning and problem solving, environmental issues, resource distribution, and the challenges of institutional adaptation, and changing political systems.

The major is designed to provide a broad-based liberal arts background, as well as the intellectual skills appropriate for careers in either the public or private sector. Additionally, the major offers an excellent background for students planning postgraduate careers in social science disciplines and professional schools. You can view the academic journey of a PE major by reviewing the [PE Major Map](#).

Some of the questions addressed in the major include:

- the tension between rising consumer demand and the need to minimize resource depletion and pollution;
- the different priorities served by capitalist, socialist, and traditionalist varieties of Political Economy;
- the different priorities served by democratic and authoritarian political systems;
- how international interdependence may undermine the efforts of national governments to cope with unemployment, inflation, trade and payment deficits, health, housing and welfare problems, and other societal issues;
- the importance of organizational structures for policy-making in both the public and private sector.

## When to Declare

Applications are accepted throughout the year during the spring, summer and fall semesters.

Students who have completed the required prerequisite coursework may apply to Political Economy in their freshmen or sophomore year. We recommend that students interested in declaring a major in Political Economy do so at least two semesters prior to the semester in which they intend to graduate. If students are ineligible to declare Political Economy at that time (please see the Eligibility to Declare section below), they should see an L&S advisor to discuss their options. Students may not declare and graduate in the same semester.

## Eligibility to Declare

Students are eligible to declare when they:

1. Have completed GLOBAL 45 (IAS 45) with a grade of B- or better, or who have received a score of 5 on the AP World History exam. An AP score of 5 on the World History exam meets this requirement (applies to AP exams taken on or before July 1, 2018).

**Note:** GLOBAL 45 (IAS 45) may be taken only once to achieve a grade of B- or better. Students who repeat GLOBAL 45 in order to achieve a grade of B- will not be eligible to declare the Political Economy major. There is no transferrable equivalent for GLOBAL 45 from California community colleges.

2. Have completed ECON 1 or 2 with a grade of C or better (C- does not satisfy this requirement), **or** have completed the equivalent course at another college, **or** have received AP scores of 4 or better or IB score of 5 or better on BOTH of the micro-economics AND macro-economics exams.

**Note:** ECON 1 or 2 may be repeated only once to achieve a grade of C or better.

3. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher.
4. Have completed an online Major Declaration Workshop (the workshop portal can be found on the Political Economy website).
5. Are not in their final semester of undergraduate work.

## Getting Declared

1. Schedule an appointment with a PE advisor to discuss your concentration topic and courses towards it.
2. Complete the Political Economy Application found on the left pane of the [Political Economy major](#) webpage.
3. If Political Economy is a second major, complete the [Double Major Application](#) and email it to a PE advisor when declaring Political Economy. The Double Major forms must already be signed by the advisor of the first major.

**Note for international students on F or J visas:** International students declaring or changing their major must update this information on their I-20 or DS-2019 visa document. Upon approval of the major, students must contact the Berkeley International Office (BIO) for their updated visa document. BIO is located at International House at 2299 Piedmont Ave.

# Major Requirements

## Lower-Division Requirements: Three courses (*All courses must be taken for a letter grade.*)

- ECON 1 or 2: Introduction to Economics. This course must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to declaring the major. A grade of C- does not satisfy this requirement. *Note: This requirement may be repeated only once to achieve a grade of C or better.* An AP score of 4 or an IB score of 5 on BOTH of the micro-economics AND macro-economics exams will satisfy this requirement.
- GLOBAL 45 (IAS 45) Survey of World History: This course must be completed with a grade of B- or better prior to declaring the major. \*Note: GLOBAL 45 may be taken only once to achieve a grade of B- or better. It is recommended that students enroll in GLOBAL 45 in Phase 1 of their CalCentral enrollment period. An AP score of 5 on the World History exam meets this requirement (applies to AP exams taken on or before July 1, 2018).
- STAT 2, C8, 20, 21 or W21: Intro to Statistics; Foundations of Data Science; Intro to Probability and Statistics; Intro to Probability and Statistics for Business, Statistics; Intro to Probability and Statistics for Business (online). An AP score of 3 on the Statistics exam will satisfy the STAT 2 requirement.

## Foreign Language Requirement

Political Economy majors must demonstrate proficiency in a modern language other than English by the last semester of their senior year. Proficiency is equivalent to the ability achieved in four college-level semesters (or two years). Language courses taken in high school do not satisfy this requirement. See below for details on how to fulfill the foreign language requirement.

*Note: Languages accepted by the College of Letters and Science are not automatically accepted by the Political Economy department. Please check with a Political Economy advisor for eligible languages.*

### **How to fulfill the foreign language requirement**

There are a variety of ways to fulfill the four-semester language requirement for Political Economy, depending on the individual and his or her background and ability.

**Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) Tests:** An AP score of 5 or an International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 7 (higher level) will complete this requirement. An AP score of 4 will place a student into the fourth-semester college level course. A score of 3 will place a student into the third-semester college level course. Documentation of AP scores must be provided if your AP score is not visible on your CalCentral Transfer Credit Report.

**Coursework:** Any combination of college courses, summer programs, or college-level study abroad programs may satisfy the language requirement. Language classes are the only classes that may be taken Pass/No Pass to meet the major requirement.

Language courses need not be taken at UCB. Courses taken at a community college or any accredited school or university may be acceptable. Transcripts must be submitted and evaluated by an Political Economy advisor. A one-semester upper division course taken abroad in the target language may satisfy the foreign language requirement, depending on the school and program followed.

**High school completion in a non-English language and Proficiency Tests:** Students with native, advanced background or those who were educated in a non-English language through the completion of high school or the equivalent may wish to satisfy this requirement with that experience. This requires a language proficiency exam.

Chinese, Japanese and Korean proficiency exams are administered by EALC on the Tuesday before instructions starts

every semester. Check the EALC website at <https://ealc.berkeley.edu/programs/undergraduate/proficiency-exams>. Results of the exam will indicate the level of the foreign language that students are eligible to register for. In order to waive the language requirement, test results must show that the student has completed the equivalent of four semesters of language studies (end of intermediate level) or higher.

Note that EALC waitlists all students that register for language courses regardless of when registration takes place, and the department scheduler adjusts student enrollment based on the results of the placement exam during the first week of instruction.

Students planning to take a proficiency exam in a non-Asian language in order to waive the language requirement should consult with a Political Economy advisor. \*Proficiency tests may be taken once per semester.

## Upper-division Requirements: Nine courses

### **Important to note:**

- No more than three upper-division courses may be taken off of the UC, Berkeley campus, including courses taken at other universities, and including EAP and Study Abroad. (The one exception to this rule are courses taken through UCD).
- With the exception of Economics, no more than three upper-division courses may be taken from the same department. A total of four upper-division courses from the Economics Department may count, including intermediate micro and macro.
- All courses must be taken for a letter grade. (The one exception to this rule are language classes. All language classes, including the fourth semester, may be taken Pass/No Pass).

### **Conceptual Tools:** (Four courses)

#### **Intermediate Microeconomics.** Choose one from the following:

POLECON 106 (IAS 106)	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
ECON 100A	Economic Analysis (Micro)
ECON 101A	Economic Theory (Micro)
UGBA 101A	Microeconomic Analysis for Business Decisions
ENVECON 100	Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources

#### **Intermediate Macroeconomics.** Choose one from the following:

POLECON 107 (IAS 107)	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
ECON 100B	Economic Analysis (Macro)
ECON 101B	Economic Theory (Macro)
UGBA 101B	Macroeconomic Analysis for Business Decisions

Students may choose from two different micro/macro series (e.g., POLECON 106 Micro and ECON 100B Macro), as long as one micro and one macro course are taken. POLECON 106 and 107 do not require a calculus background and are not equivalent to economics courses offered by the Economics Department and the Business School. Anyone intending to take additional upper-division Economics or Business courses should enroll in the appropriate macro and micro economics series.

- **POLECON 100, Classical Theories of Political Economy** (*POLECON 100 should be taken before POLECON 101*)
- **POLECON 101, Contemporary Theories of Political Economy** (*Prerequisite: POLECON 100*)

## Historical Context: (One course)

Choose a course from the list below. Students do not need to choose their Historical Context course based on their Concentration topic.

ECON 115	The World Economy in the Twentieth Century
HISTORY 133A	The History of American Capitalism
HISTORY 160	The International Economy of the 20th Century
HISTORY 162B	War and Peace: International Relations since 1914
POLECON 160	Political Economy in Historical Context
UGBA C172	History of American Business
ECON 135	Economic Growth in Historical Perspective
ECON 134	Macroeconomic Policy from the Great Depression to Today

Some History 100, 101 or 103 courses with substantial political economy content may also qualify. Please consult with a PE advisor after obtaining the syllabus.

## The Concentration: (Four courses)

**Important to note:** *Within the Concentration, only two courses may be taken from the same department.*

The Political Economy Concentration is the theoretical focal point in the major. It is meant to give students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Political Economy around an area of particular interest to them. The Concentration is perhaps the greatest benefit of the Political Economy major because it allows students to apply the theoretical and methodological knowledge they have gained to a topic about which they feel particularly drawn or curious. Students spend four courses focusing on this material, so it is important for students to be thoughtful and develop a topic about which they enjoy learning.

To get started on the Concentration, students should think about an existing or potential issue or question in Political Economy. Then they should choose four courses that will inform or increase their understanding about that issue. These courses should all relate to the topic as well as to one another. Students are encouraged to be imaginative in defining a Concentration. A Concentration issue is formulated by the student with the assistance of a Political Economy advisor who can help to explain, clarify, or perhaps challenge that issue. Students having a difficult time formulating a Concentration should think about the classes they have taken which they enjoyed the most and consider what topics they learned about in those courses. Also, topics covered in GLOBAL 45, POLECON 100, and POLECON 101 are a good place to start.

**Some sample Concentration topics include, but most certainly are not limited to:**

- International Trade
- Political Economy of China
- Development and the Environment
- Global Inequality
- Technology and the Economy

## Departments and Disciplines to consider when searching for concentration courses:

Political Science	Public Health
Economics	Gender & Women's Studies
Sociology	Legal Studies
Geography	Environmental Science, Policy, and Management
History	Demography
Public Policy	City and Regional Planning
Environmental Economics and Policy	Global Studies

**Please note:** Courses from the departments and disciplines listed above are not guaranteed approval for a concentration, nor are students limited to the above list – this is just a good starting point.

## When choosing Concentration courses, students should be mindful of the following:

- No more than two courses from the same department may count toward the Concentration.
- Only courses that are demonstrably relevant to the Concentration topic will be approved. Therefore, ***it is not advisable for a student to take courses they hope to count for their concentration prior to getting declared.*** There is no guarantee they will be accepted for the major.
- Up to three courses taken abroad may count, provided they conform to the Concentration topic. A syllabus in English must be provided. (See page 9 of this handbook for more information about using study abroad courses to fulfill major requirements.)
- All courses, including those taken abroad, must be upper-division, at least three semester units, and taken for a letter grade.

## Getting a Concentration Approved

To have a Concentration approved, students must schedule an appointment with a PE advisor to discuss the concentration topic and courses towards it.

**Please note:** Any subsequent changes to already approved Concentration topic and/or courses require a submission of the [PE Concentration Approval form](#) to a PE advisor for review and approval by the Political Economy Faculty Committee **prior** to altering the Concentration.

## Major Rules:

1. **No more than three upper-division courses may be taken off of the UC, Berkeley campus, including courses taken at other universities, and including EAP and Study Abroad. (The one exception to this rule are courses taken through UCD).**
2. **With the exception of Economics, no more than three upper-division courses may be taken from the same department. A total of four upper-division courses from the Economics Department may count, including intermediate micro and macro.**
3. **Within the Concentration, only two courses may be taken from the same department.**
4. **A cross-listed course will not always count in the department through which a student is enrolled. It will count in what is known to be the originating department of the course. Students who intend to enroll in a cross-listed course and to apply the course toward an upper-division major**

requirement should see a Political Economy advisor prior to enrolling.

5. **Courses cannot be double-counted within the major (for example, students may not use one course to fulfill both a Concentration course requirement and the Historical Context course requirement).**
6. **All courses in the major must be taken for a letter grade. The one exception is foreign language: language classes, including the fourth semester, may be taken for a letter grade or Pass/Not Pass.**
7. **Online courses are not accepted in the major. (There is one exceptions to this rule: STAT W21).**

## The Political Economy Honors Program

To graduate with honors requires the completion of a written honors thesis – a research paper generally 75 pages or longer – as well as the completion of a year-long honors course sequence: GLOBAL H102 (fall only) and POLECON H195 (spring only).

**GLOBAL H102** provides an introduction to research methodology. To qualify for GLOBAL H102, students must have senior status, must have completed POLECON 100 **before enrolling**, and must have a grade point average of 3.6 in the major and 3.5 in all work completed at UC Berkeley. Admission to this course is by course permission number following instructor approval.

**POLECON H195** is a thesis-writing seminar where students meet weekly to discuss their theses. To qualify for POLECON H195, students must be recommended by the GLOBAL H102 instructor, they must have a viable prospectus for their research paper (determined in conjunction with the instructor), and they must meet the minimum honors GPA requirements. Admission to this course is by class permission number.

### Faculty Thesis Advisor

Honors students must also enlist a Faculty Thesis Advisor with whom they will meet throughout the year to discuss the content of their thesis. Potential honors students are strongly encouraged to start early to find a Faculty Thesis Advisor, preferably during the spring semester of their junior year, but no later than the end of September of their senior year. Most faculty will only advise on a thesis topic that is within their subject area and many prefer to work with students they know or have taught. The completed thesis is read and evaluated by both the seminar instructor and the Faculty Thesis Advisor.

Three copies of the honors thesis must be provided by the student: one for the seminar instructor, one for the student's Faculty Thesis Advisor, and one for reference at the ISSP Office. Sample honors thesis titles include:

- Building a Nation One Home at a Time: A Case Study of Gawad Kalinga's Nation-building Project in Mindanao
- Systemic Risk in the 2007-2009 Financial Crisis
- Recession and Survival: Bay Area Day Laborers in the Aftermath of the Housing and Financial Crises
- Unveiling Integration Paradigms: The Motivations and Outcomes of the 2004 French Ban on Religious Symbols in Schools

**Please note:** There is no guarantee that students who complete the honors sequence will graduate with honors. Honors recommendations are made after graduation and are based on a number of factors including (but not limited to) major GPA, overall GPA, grade received in H195, and thesis reader recommendations.



## Additional Information

### Holds/Blocks (Service Indicators)

Holds/blocks (Service Indicators) are visible on your CalCentral dashboard. If you are declared or intending to declare Political Economy and you have a hold or a block on your account, you will need to consult with a Political Economy advisor (101 Stephens Hall). A hold/block may be placed on your account for a number of reasons that include remaining undeclared when you have reached senior status (75 units or more), an unapproved concentration, and/or academic underperformance. Holds or blocks placed by the College of Letters & Science may require consultation with a Political Economy advisor *and* a College advisor (206 Evans Hall).

### Study Abroad

Students may fulfill up to three upper-division requirements with courses taken abroad. Any courses taken to fulfill the language requirement may also be counted toward the major and are not included in the three-course limit. Students considering study abroad should carefully read the ISSP [Study Abroad Information and Course Approval Form](#). They must also meet with a Political Economy advisor prior to their departure to review prospective courses of study and again upon their return to have their coursework reviewed and approved. Information about overseas study is available at the Berkeley Programs for Study Abroad office in 160 Stephens Hall, 510-642-1356, [eapucb@berkeley.edu](mailto:eapucb@berkeley.edu).

**Please note:** Study abroad courses will **not** be *pre-approved* by ISSP to count toward the major requirements.

### Repeating Departmental Courses

The following applies to all courses in the CURRENT ISSP undergraduate programs (International & Area Studies, and Political Economy), as well as the new Global Studies degree programs:

Students who earn a grade of F, D-, D, D+ or NP may repeat the course only once. Regardless of the grade the student receives for their second attempt (including F, D-, D or D+), the student may not repeat the course a third time.

### Transfer Courses

No more than three upper-division requirements may be fulfilled by courses taken at other four-year colleges or universities, including EAP and Study Abroad. They must be validated by the Office of Admissions and Records, and they must be submitted to a Political Economy advisor for review and approval by the Political Economy Faculty Committee to be used in the major. Courses taken to fulfill lower-division requirements or the foreign language requirement are not included in the 3-course limit.

### Senior Thesis (POLECON 192, 3 units)

The (optional) Senior Thesis is open to declared majors only. Students who are interested in writing a major paper (minimum 30 pages, usually 30-50 pages) on a topic related to Political Economy, but who are not interested in pursuing the Political Economy Honors Program, may choose to write a Senior Thesis. Any student writing a Senior Thesis must do so with the support of a faculty sponsor (please see additional information about faculty sponsors below). To be eligible to write a Senior Thesis in the Political Economy major, students must have completed 60 or more units and must meet a minimum GPA of 2.0. For more information, students should see a Political Economy advisor. Students are able to enroll in the course only after speaking with a Political Economy advisor.

**Faculty sponsor:** Students writing a Senior Thesis must enlist a faculty sponsor with whom they will meet throughout the semester to discuss the content of their thesis. Students who may consider writing a Senior Thesis are strongly encouraged to start early to find a faculty sponsor, preferably by the end of their junior year, but no later

than the first semester of their senior year. Most faculty will only advise on a thesis topic that is within their subject area, and many prefer to work with students they know or have taught. The completed thesis is read, evaluated, and graded by the faculty sponsor.

## Internships

Students may earn 1-4 units of POLECON 197 credit for participation in **unpaid** internships. Only internships at not-for-profit institutions or government offices will be accepted. Internships must have a faculty sponsor and require the submission of a mid-term report and a final paper. Internships are graded on a mandatory pass/not pass basis and cannot be used to fulfill major requirements. Internship forms are available in the ISSP Office at 101 Stephens Hall.

## Double Majors

All double majors must be approved by the College of Letters and Science. The completed Double Major Application Packet should be reviewed and signed by a Political Economy advisor. No more than two upper-division courses may be used to satisfy requirements in both majors.

## Minors

Political Economy majors are encouraged to enhance their undergraduate degree by completing minors in other disciplines. No more than one upper-division course may be used to satisfy requirements in both a major and minor.

## The Minor in Political Economy

Political Economy offers a Minor, which is open to all undergraduates *except* Political Economy majors. Application for the minor and a suggested list of concentration courses are available on the [Political Economy minor webpage](#). To apply for the minor, students must have completed one course in the minor with a grade of B or better, and must have an overall GPA of 2.0. The PE minor application form can be found in the [Political Economy minor webpage](#). Email the signed Completion of L&S Minor form to your PE minor advisor no later than the last day of instruction of the semester immediately **preceding** the student's final semester. The [Completion of L&S Minor form](#) can be found on the L&S website.

To complete the minor, students must take five upper-division courses; both POLECON 100 and 101 are required. The remaining three courses must be focused around a concentration in one of these three areas: (1) Globalization; (2) Poverty, Inequality and Policy; or (3) Science, Technology, and Economic Development. Students pursuing the minor also can suggest a topic of their own, which must be preapproved by the Faculty Committee, similar to the process used for major concentrations.

Meet with a Political Economy advisor to discuss classes acceptable for the Political Economy minor.

**Please note:** The following College requirements apply to the Political Economy minor program:

1. At least three of the upper-division courses must be taken at UC Berkeley.
2. All courses satisfying minor requirements must be taken for a letter grade.
3. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all coursework used to satisfy the minor requirements.
4. No more than one upper-division course may overlap with the student's major program.

## Core Faculty

### Maximilian Auffhammer

Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs

**Research Interests:** Economics of climate change, pollution in developing countries, econometrics

### Richard Ashcroft

Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs

**Research Interests:** relationship between culture, liberal democracy, and the nation-state; using historical and philosophical analysis to connect multiculturalism and political economy with contemporary debates, including Brexit, the resurgence of populism and nationalism worldwide

### Stephanie Ballenger

Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs

**Research Interests:** Latin American politics, economy, and culture, colonialism and imperialism, economic development and the role of religion and medicine

### Crystal Chang Cohen

Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs

**Research Interests:** Development of China's automobile industry and its implications for the global auto industry

### Khalid Kadir

Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs

**Interests:** Water and sanitation in developing countries, international development and poverty alleviation, Political Economy of international development

### Alan Karras

Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs

**Research Interests:** World, Caribbean, and Atlantic history, race relations, state formation, migration, contraband trade

### Mario Muzzi

Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs

**Interests:**

### Clare Talwalker

Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs

**Research Interests:** Post-colonialism and the urban Indian public sphere, modernity, vernacular publics, the interlinked nature of economy and society

### Steven Vogel

Political Science

**Research Interests:** Japan, comparative politics, comparative and international Political Economy

## Affiliated Faculty

### Vinod Aggarwal

Political Science

**Research Interests:** International Political Economy, comparative regionalism, business and politics

### Mark Brilliant

History

**Research Interests:** Political Economy, civil rights, education, law, and the West

### Bradford DeLong

Economics

**Research Interests:** Finance, macroeconomics, economic history, social theory

### Barry Eichengreen

Economics

**Research Interests:** Exchange rates and capital flows; the gold standard and the Great Depression; the European economy; European integration, the euro, and the Stability and Growth Pact; Asian integration and development with a focus on exchange rates and financial markets; the impact of China on the international economic and financial system; IMF policy, past, present and future

### Dennis Freehan

Demography

**Research Interests:** Intersection of networks, demography, and quantitative methodology

### Neil Fligstein

Sociology

**Research Interests:** Economic sociology; organizations; methodology and statistics; political sociology

### Marion Fourcade

Sociology

**Research Interests:** Economic sociology; culture; political sociology; comparative methods; knowledge and science; digital society

### Gillian Hart

Geography

**Research Interests:** Political economy; social theory; critical human geography; southern Africa; southeast Asia

### You-tien Hsing

Geography

**Research Interests:** Political economy of development in East Asia (especially China); power and space, cultural and environmental politics; urbanization; regional focus: China

### Jonah Levy

Political Science

**Research Interests:** Political economy; western Europe; France; globalization

### Jeremy Magruder

Agricultural and Resource Economics

**Research Interests:** Employment and unemployment in developing countries

### Vanessa Ogle

History

**Research Interests:** Capitalism, political economy, rights and legal regimes, natural resources and environment; empire and colonialism

**Pau; Pierson**

Political Science

**Research Interests:** Political Economy; public policy; American politics

**Alison Post**

Political Science

**Research Interests:** Comparative Political Economy; environmental policy; regulation; urban politics and policy; Latin America; South Asia

**Caitlin C. Rosenthal**

History

**Research Interests:** Development of management practices, especially based on data analysis. Blends qualitative and quantitative methods and to combine insights from business history, economic history, and labor history

**Leslie Salzinger**

Gender and Women's Studies

**Research Interests:** Gender and capitalism; feminist theory; political economy and transnational processes; ethnography

**Daniel Sargent**

History

**Research Interests:** North America; international History

**Kim Voss**

Agricultural and Resource Economics

**Research Interests:** Labor, social movements, inequality, higher education, political sociology, historical sociology

**Michael Watts**

Geography

**Research Interests:** Political economy and political ecology; energy and the environment; Africa; famine; risk and vulnerability; violence and dispossession

# Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs Administration

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