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- Social biology and socioeconomics
- Globalization and Multi-Level Policy
- The Political Economy of Inequalities
- Rapid environmental change, poverty, and social exclusion

FIRST YEAR
Initially, you will be focusing on global challenges and social economic theories. In addition to research and writing skills, SEEP will provide you with a solid foundation in the philosophical underpinnings of the natural and social sciences. You will become familiar with how to analyze the concepts and assumptions behind the paradigms many economic policies are based on and which are replicated by institutional actors. Topics covered include growth theories and concepts of development; growth, well-being and social policy; and theoretical approaches to specific objects of study. Concentration areas can be chosen from the following four options:

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- April: 15th
- May: 15th
- June: 15th

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- Program type: Fulltime degree program
- Duration: 2 semesters
- Language of instruction: English
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