FAS2882K: Economic Analysis of Technology and Innovation Policy
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Schedule: PM Session (2pm-5pm, Singapore Time)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

Course Description

This course discusses the relationship between technological changes, innovation activities and economic development. In the long run, the establishment of innovative systems can promote technological progress and economic development. Empirical facts from international experience show that public policies can accelerate scientific and technological change by changing incentives. This course will focus on how institutions of innovation and public policies affect technological progress and economic development. At the same time, new technologies and new services are emerging in the digital economy, biomedical industry and green economy. This also brings up many topics related to innovation and technology policy. The second half of this course will discuss the latest developments in public policy debates in the digital economy, biomedical and green innovation.

Learning Objectives:

• Understand the development of innovation systems and related public policy topics.

• Understand the analytical framework related to innovation and technology policies.

• Students will be able to apply relevant concepts and analytical frameworks to cutting-edge policy issues such as the digital economy, biomedical and green innovation.

• Students will be asked to analyze current public policy topics in the form of group presentations.

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Course Assessment

Assessments		***Assessment deadlines***
Essay	40%	
Group presentation	35%	
Class participation	25%	
Total for CA:	**100%**	

- Essay (40%): Paper length within 3,000 words
- Group Presentation (35%): Describe your assessment….
    - 10% - Written report (common grade), around 750 words

- 15% - Group Presentation
- 10% - Summary of each group member's contribution to the group project (individual grade)

- Assessment Title 3 (25%): Class participation

Course Topics

Week	Day	Topic	Session Activities
1	1	Innovation Policy and Economic Growth	Lecture
	2	Economic Policies to Promote Innovation	Lecture
	3	Institutions Supporting Innovation	Lecture
	4	Intellectual Property Rights and related polices	Lecture
2	5	Innovation Networks and the Geography of Innovation	Lecture + Tutorial
	6	Policies to Promote Scientific Research	Lecture + Tutorial
	7	Digital Economy and Economic Development	Lecture + Tutorial
	8	Competition Policy, Industrial Policy, and Technological Innovation in the Digital Economy	Lecture + Tutorial
3	9	Public Policies on Privacy and Cybersecurity	Lecture + Tutorial
	10	Biomedical Innovation and Public Policy	Lecture + Tutorial
	11	Green Innovation and Public Policy	Lecture + Tutorial
	12	Economics of Science and Technology Policy	Lecture + Tutorial

Textbook:

Aghion, P., Antonin, C., and Bunel, S. (2021). *The Power of Creative Destruction*. Harvard University Press.