Up until the 1870’s what we now call economics was called ‘political economy’ and classical political economists such as Adam Smith or Karl Marx saw themselves as practitioners of a unified social science that necessarily incorporated what we today call the disciplines of politics, international relations, philosophy, sociology and history. This seminar looks at the fields of economics and political economy from past to present and makes the case for the recovery of a multidisciplinary and pluralistic ‘political economy’ as a superior means to comprehend contemporary economy and society.

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