This discipline aims to explain key features of contemporary economic change in

the RF and EU, and to explore relevant public policy responses. The discipline

is generally organised around three key themes:

(1) the continuing process of restructuring away from manufacturing and towards

services and the ‘new’ economy;

(2) the consequences of economic change, focusing on the uneven development of

places (via regional disparities) and people (through exploring unemployment,

poverty and social exclusion);

(3) the role, scope and impact of selected public policy responses to these

issues.

The module situates current economic processes of change and restructuring in

the RF and EU within the broader contexts of globalisation, technological

change and changing modes of regulation.

Skills that will be practised and developed

Subject-related:

1. Awareness of the major challenges facing the RF and EU’s most disadvantaged

regions, and the attendant spatial policy challenges.

2. Understanding of how different viewpoints and ideologies can influence the

interpretation and mediation of economic change in advanced economies.

Transferable:

1. Ability to define, analyse and evaluate key theoretical, empirical and

policy issues

2. Oral and written communication skills, specifically groupwork and

presentation on a case study.

3. Research skills, particularly the use of library text, internet and

electronic information resources for research and reference purposes.

On completion of the discipline a student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the key features of economic change and of relevant

empirical analyses.

2. Understand the links between key aspects of economic change and the uneven

economic development of RF and EU regions.

3. Describe and evaluate the role and effectiveness of specific RF and EU

spatial policy responses to relevant aspects of economic change and uneven

development.