COURSE DETAIL

GEOPOLITICS OF ENERGY

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
King's College London

Program(s)
King's College London

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science International Studies

UCEAP Course Number
149

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
GEOPOLITICS OF ENERGY

UCEAP Transcript Title
GEOPOLITICS/ENERGY

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

The course examines energy in international relations in four parts. First, a brief overview of the history of hydrocarbons will familiarize students with how modern energy supplies developed in the past two centuries. During the first two sessions of the course, students also acquire conceptual and empirical understanding of energy value chains. Next, the course devotes three sessions to energy security as a key perspective in the studies of energy resources. After familiarizing students with the theoretical aspects of energy security, the focus is on several distinct cases examining both the supply and the demand-side of energy security on a global scale. Such cases include the energy dilemmas between energy-rich Russia/Eurasia and hydrocarbon-poor EU; the rising role of China and Asia in global energy demand and their pursuit of energy security; and the evolution of energy geopolitics between the oil-rich Persian Gulf region and the US. The third part of the course dedicates two sessions to the link between energy and development. The focus of the first session is on the literature examining the link between resource wealth and development, while the second session examines resource nationalism and its historical evolution. The fourth part looks at key challenges faced with respect to energy in a carbon-constrained world.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
6YYR0010

Host Institution Course Title
GEOPOLITICS OF ENERGY

Host Institution Campus
Strand Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

bachelors

Host Institution Department
Social Science and Public Policy