

COURSE DETAIL

CAPITALISM, DEMOCRACY AND EQUALITY: THE CRISIS OF MARKET LIBERALISM IN WEALTHY DEMOCRACIES

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

London School of Economics

Program(s)

Summer at London School of Economics

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

119

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

CAPITALISM, DEMOCRACY AND EQUALITY: THE CRISIS OF MARKET LIBERALISM IN WEALTHY DEMOCRACIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

MARKET LIBERALISM

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.70

Course Description

Democracy and capitalism have had a complex and often conflictual relationship, shown recently in political upheaval amid the lingering aftermath of the global financial crisis of 2008. Market liberalism appears increasingly inadequate as a formula for managing tensions between capitalism's necessary inequality and democracy's characteristic demand for redistribution. The course offers a comprehensive introduction to how these tensions have developed in the rich market economies of the world, especially North America and Europe. Students investigate why some are more unequal than others, and how they have responded to the economic and political crises of the early 21st century. Key areas of enquiry include the distribution of income and wealth, the politics of taxation, public spending and welfare, the role of voting and elections, the politics of money, banking and financial crisis, and the rise of populism and political instability.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

IR102

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