

# COURSE DETAIL

## AUTHORITARIANISM IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

**Country**

Germany

**Host Institution**

Free University of Berlin

**Program(s)**

Free University Berlin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science International Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

153

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

AUTHORITARIANISM IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

### **Course Description**

This course systematically investigates the differences between autocracies and democracies by working through central theoretical assumptions and empirical findings of International Relations (IR) and comparative autocracy research. It starts by reviewing the unitary state assumption that is foundational for the field of IR and gradually open up our thinking about regime type in world politics. Having identified that especially democracies act differently in world politics, the course attempts to understand what is particular about authoritarian regimes by reading classical and contemporary texts from Comparative Politics. In four different case studies to be chosen in class, students study in detail various authoritarian regime types and their implications for international outcomes (e.g. conflict, human rights). The seminar concludes with a focus on the rise of the radical right and the threats it poses to democracy and international institutions.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

15132

### **Host Institution Course Title**

AUTHORITARIANISM IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

### **Host Institution Campus**

POLITIK- UND SOZIALWISSENSCHAFTEN

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

Otto-Suhr-Institut für Politikwissenschaft

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