

COURSE DETAIL

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE OF THE GLOBAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SYSTEM

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 Environmental Studies

UCEAP Course Number

139

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE OF THE GLOBAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SYSTEM

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

The seminar provides a critical perspective on the recent evolution of the global agri-food system and its impact at global, (trans)national, and local levels. The classification and critique of dynamics is done through theories of International Political Economy, Global Governance, and Political Ecology. In addition, the course examines the scientific-theoretical positions between interpretive and positivist approaches, which are central to the current debate on the challenges and sustainability of the agri-food system. Specific topics include: the globalization of the food system; competing policy paradigms of sustainable agricultural policy; actors and approaches to governance of food security; the increasing importance (and impact) of transnational companies in the system; the agricultural system in the context of trade liberalization and WTO; the political economy of food aid; the implications and composition of international agricultural support (including the role of "agrarian philanthropists"); new challenges of financialization of food production; current resource and environmental conflicts; and the political economy of seeds and biotechnology (Green Revolution). In addition, the seminar deals with alternative "bottom up" agricultural and nutrition models (e.g. food sovereignty), proposals for better governance and their feasibility in today's globalized world.

Language(s) of Instruction

German

Host Institution Course Number

15165

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Host Institution Campus

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