

## 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

### **Host Institution Course Title**

POLITISCHE ÖKONOMIE UND GOVERNANCE DES GLOBALEN NAHRUNGS-UND AGRARSYSTEMS

### **Host Institution Course Details**

### **Host Institution Campus**

POLITIK- UND SOZIALWISSENSCHAFTEN

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Otto-Suhr-Institut für Politikwissenschaft

**Course Last Reviewed**

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