COURSE DETAIL

POLITICS AND HISTORY OF MODERN ITALY
Country Italy
Host Institution UC Center, Rome
Program(s) Art, Food and Society
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science History
UCEAP Course Number 113
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title POLITICS AND HISTORY OF MODERN ITALY
UCEAP Transcript Title POL HIST MOD ITALY
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course provides a core of knowledge of Italy's post-Unification history, grounding students in the political, economic, and social development of the country. Commencing with the nation-state's formation, the analysis of issues surrounding Italy's early identity, society, and political structures reveal many of the problems that subsequent regimes have sought to address. After developing a solid grounding in the formation and establishment of the new nation state, the course explores the impact of World War One upon the interwar period of Fascist Italy. After establishing what Fascism was and what it meant for Italian people, consideration turns to the Second World War, the fall of Italian Fascism and its longterm legacy upon the postwar republic. Examination of post-1945 Italy considers the influence of America and the Cold War upon the internal battle for political control between the Left and the Catholic Right. This period also focuses on Italy's economic recovery and re-entry into "normal" diplomatic relations that was rubber-stamped by the 1960 Rome Olympic Games. With the country's foreign relations stabilized, attention turns to the internal crises of insurrection, terrorism, mafia activity, and corruption that led to Tangentopoli, the collapse of the old political order, and the rise of Silvio Berlusconi. The course concludes by examining the rise of the contemporary political phenomenon of the Five Star Movement and the Lega.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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