

COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF SECESSION

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

157

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF SECESSION

UCEAP Transcript Title

COMP POL/SECESSION

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

The focus of the course is secession. Students explore theories that account for the entire cycle of this phenomenon, from its emergence, through its political dynamics, to either successful or unsuccessful attempts to attain independent statehood. Theoretical material will be illustrated by, and applied to, a variety of historic and contemporary cases (e.g. Catalonia, Scotland, Quebec, Iraqi Kurdistan, Kosovo, Eritrea, Tamil Eelam). The foundation of the course is the discussion of the key features of multinational states, with a focus on the conditional legitimacy of their political-institutional framework and their borders. Indicative themes include: the emergence of secessionist movements; their efforts to mobilize support for independence; mechanics of separation (including a discussion of violent and non-violent secessions); independence referenda; policy issues related to the creation of new states; and the international political and legal aspects of secession .

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PLIT10134

Host Institution Course Title

COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF SECESSION

Host Institution Campus

University of Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty

School of Social and Political Science

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

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