

COURSE DETAIL

TRUST AND DISTRUST IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Country

Denmark

Host Institution

University of Copenhagen

Program(s)

University of Copenhagen

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

149

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

TRUST AND DISTRUST IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

The current world order is disintegrating, changing the political landscape of international relations to one where distrust reigns. Particularly, the trust in institutions such as the UN, EU and NATO, is eroding. It is increasingly clear that often, when international negotiation and cooperation fail, a lack of trust is the decisive factor. This course introduces key debates about trust in International Relations and the broader social sciences. It examines different approaches to trust and distrust from an interdisciplinary perspective (e.g. political science, social psychology, sociology and conflict studies) to understand and evaluate their relative importance for current world affairs. Trust is discussed in relation to other big concepts within International Relations, including power, institutions, identity, and culture. Moreover, the course examines trust in concrete instances of practice, e.g. in EU negotiations, NATO diplomacy and Iranian-American bilateral relations. At times, the focus is in on the individual level, for instance via in-class negotiation simulations. At other times, the course zooms out and reflects on the workings of trust and distrust in relation to multilateral diplomatic contexts such as NATO and the EU. At the end of this class, students have acquired an interdisciplinary, practical framework for understanding trust and distrust in international relations.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ASTK18236U

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Host Institution Campus

Social Sciences

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

