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 TRUST&DISTRIST IR
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

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Political Science

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