

## COURSE DETAIL

### TRANSFORMATION AND THE RISE OF THE ILLIBERAL RIGHT - LESSONS FROM BERLIN AND GERMANY

**Country**

Germany

**Host Institution**

Humboldt University Berlin

**Program(s)**

Humboldt University Berlin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

120

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

RISE ILLIBERL RIGHT

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

**Course Description**

In 2017 for the first time since World War II, a right-wing populist party entered the German Bundestag. What came as a massive shock to many political observers in Germany, was merely the expression of a trend stretching across industrialized countries for a couple of decades now: the return of the illiberal right. This course tries to find explanations for the success of the AfD and other right-wing movements or parties, with a specific focus on Germany and the East-West divide that less than 35 years ago still cut Europe and Germany in two halves. This looks for answers to questions such as: Why do people vote for right-wing populist parties? What lesson can the history of right-wing extremism offer for contemporary politics? Can the experience of forceful and rapid change among citizens of formerly Communist states explain the prominence of Illiberalism in Eastern Germany and, potentially, beyond? The course is divided into three parts, which deal with the past, present and future of Illiberalism respectively. For each part, the course undertakes an excursion within Berlin and discuss a Berlin-based movie to demonstrate how the traces of Illiberalism can be found throughout the city.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

42600015

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**Host Institution Campus****Host Institution Faculty**

BOLOGNA.LAB

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**  
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