

COURSE DETAIL

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University

Program(s)

Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Geography

UCEAP Course Number

102

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Political geography studies the links between power and space. This course focuses on the role of territorial states in our world. The relationship between states and their territories constantly changes but remains important to understanding the geopolitical changes related to different conceptualizations of what a nation-state is. This course considers questions such as how states control their territories and how the political order of different geographical areas is organized. It also analyzes the links between the political organization of these territories and the way their societies and economies change. The course provides an overview of contemporary political geography, its background as a sub-discipline, its main subjects, concepts, and theoretical underpinnings, as well as considers a selection of ongoing debates on issues where power and space are at stake. Some major themes covered in the course include the nature and formation of states and the global state system, the role of nationalism and territorial identities, how and why political systems change over time and how this relates to dynamics in other fields, the role of geographical scale levels in politics and how and why political systems vary between different parts of the world. While different scale levels are discussed, the emphasis is on the macro-level of the transforming nation-state, their geopolitical relations, and how citizens react and relate to these political structures.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

GEO2-3038

Host Institution Course Title

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

Host Institution Campus

Utrecht University

Host Institution Faculty

Geosciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Human Geography and Planning

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