COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL IDEAS
Country Australia
Host Institution University of Melbourne
Program(s) University of Melbourne
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 17
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL IDEAS
UCEAP Transcript Title POLITICAL IDEAS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course examines some of the most important concepts and ideas in political thinking, with particular attention to the major traditions of Western political thought from Machiavelli to 20th century political theory. Emphasis will be on such core concepts as sovereignty, power, liberty, democracy and equality, and how these concepts have framed political debates within the Western tradition. While some of the focus will be on the original form and contestation of these ideas in their historical context, there will be a strong emphasis on how these initial debates led into more recent, 20th century political thinking and problems. Attention will also be paid to how these concepts have been taken up in ideological formations, which include (but are not necessarily limited to) liberalism, Marxism, and conservatism.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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POLS10003

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Melbourne

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Host Institution Degree

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Political Science

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