

COURSE DETAIL

THE RISE AND FALL OF THE GREAT POWERS IN THE MODERN WORLD

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University - University College Utrecht

Program(s)

University College Utrecht

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science History

UCEAP Course Number

114

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

POWER IN MODRN WRLD

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course has as its subject Paul Kennedy's stimulating thesis on the rise and fall of the great powers and the extensive criticism which arose. The focus is on the history of the great powers, their strengths and weaknesses, since 1500: the Habsburg Empire, the France of Louis XIV and of Napoleon, the British Empire, the German bid for mastery in the 20th century, the fate of Japan, the rise and demise of the Soviet Union, and the fall and subsequent rise of China in the 19th and 20th centuries. Special attention is paid to the United States, which played a crucial role in the history of the 20th century and was after 1991 the only remaining superpower. Since the publication of Kennedy's study the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, the rise of China and the seeming decline of the United States have given the debate a sense of immediacy. In addition, the conflicts among the great powers, such as the Napoleonic wars, the world wars, and the Cold War, have fundamentally changed the course of history. The rivalry among great powers often also functioned as a powerful dynamo that spurred development and modernization.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

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Humanities

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