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

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