COURSE DETAIL

DEMOCRATIC THEORY
Country Singapore
Host Institution National University of Singapore
Program(s) National University of Singapore
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UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
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UCEAP Official Title DEMOCRATIC THEORY
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Course Description
Democracy has always been a controversial topic in Western political thought, and the debate about it is now a global one. In the ancient Greek world, Plato and Aristotle disagreed strongly over whether it was a stepping-stone on the road to tyranny, or the least worst form of government in practice. Medieval Christian thinkers tended to reject it in horror as against the divinely-created order of things. Its spread in the modern world has often been revolutionary. Modern Western politics has been defined by three great democratic revolutions, first in America, next in France, and then in Russia: in the second half of the twentieth century this revolutionary democratic spirit spread to the rest of the world in uprisings against imperialism and colonialism. This course presents some of the key texts associated with these debates and explores the ideas involved, including republicanism, citizenship, the rule of law, rights, representation, liberalism, and deliberation. Unlike many of the thinkers covered, the point is not to champion democracy or to condemn it, but to try to understand it.

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