COURSE DETAIL

THE HISTORY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS OF THE EUROZONE

Country
Germany

Host Institution
Free University of Berlin

Program(s)
Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science Economics

UCEAP Course Number
104

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
THE HISTORY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS OF THE EUROZONE

UCEAP Transcript Title
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UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description
This course focuses on the problems that have arisen since the development of the Euro and the various explanations that have been offered as the root of such problems. The explanations range from excessive government spending in select member states over institutional weaknesses of the currency to contradictions inherent to market-based societies. Each explanation differs in terms of the underlying premises, identification of relevant factors, and proposed solutions to the observed problems. The goal of this seminar is to understand these issues, disentangle the varied approaches, and assess merits and flaws of the different perspectives. To this end, it addresses the origins and consequences of the Euro and the Eurozone crisis. The first part of the seminar reviews the run-up to the creation of the Euro. Step-by-step, the course assesses the status quo in post-war Europe and considers the political and economic rationales for creating first a common market and then a common currency. The second part engages with the established Eurozone, its supposedly successful first ten years, and the turbulent times thereafter. Students consider the onset of the Eurozone crisis, the policy responses at domestic and European level, as well as the remaining shortcomings in the institutional and economic governance of the Euro. The seminar assesses and explains the historical, political, and economic aspects underlying the creation and the trajectory of the European Economic and Monetary Union. Prior knowledge of European integration or economic theory is helpful, but the seminar is open to all students willing to engage with the subject.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
15162

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus POLITIK- UND SOZIALWISSENSCHAFTEN
Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Otto-Suhr-Institut für Politikwissenschaft
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