COURSE DETAIL

THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF EMPIRE
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution King's College London
Program(s) King's College London
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science International Studies
UCEAP Course Number 156
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF EMPIRE
UCEAP Transcript Title THEORY&PRACT EMPIRE
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course investigates the meaning of “empire” and “imperialism” in three phases. First, the course examines how empire has been imagined according to different schools of thought, resulting in very different versions of imperialism. Second, the course traces how the concept of “empire” emerged in medieval European political philosophy as a specific theory of the West's self-anointed right and responsibility to shape the world in its own image. Third, the course examines how this theory was used to justify imperialism from the Columbian Epoch onwards, examining how imperialist political activity resulted in political philosophies that were very different, but which all resulted in European dominance of the world. The course examines how historical understandings and manifestations of empire have underpinned the global order of the early 21st century, and how “empire” may have returned in the form of the EU.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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