COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University – University College Utrecht
Program(s) University College Utrecht
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 25
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY
UCEAP Transcript Title POLITICAL THEORY
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

Politics is about power and action, which are generally deemed necessary to the edification of individual and collective good life. Political theory is broadly understood as an inquiry into the nature and major features of individual and collective good life. The nature and purpose of political theory are said to be best understood by an introductory examination of how political thinkers conceive of power relations and address the issue of the practical implications of the organization of power relations. This type of examination constitutes the core of the course. In particular, the course is primarily about several visions of politics, past and present, considered on their own merits. Some of these visions have had a significant impact on national and international politics, while others did not, or not directly. They are studied to critically understand how the Master of Political Theory formulated their arguments, what is really at stake in their statements, and possibly whether, and to what extent, what they thought is relevant to us.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Faculty
Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
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