

## COURSE DETAIL

### THE POLITICS OF CRISIS AND AUSTERITY

**Country**

Denmark

**Host Institution**

University of Copenhagen

**Program(s)**

University of Copenhagen

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

161

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

THE POLITICS OF CRISIS AND AUSTERITY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CRISIS & AUSTERITY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course studies the relationship between economic crises and the cluster of policy solutions known as austerity. It explores why austerity is often seen as the most efficacious solution to economic downturn, and considers whether resorting to austerity in the present repeats errors of the past in light of the history of crises of capitalism. The course reviews the intellectual roots of austerity and examines the institutional and ideational factors that explain its widespread use by policy-makers in the present period. It considers whether austerity as a policy package is either compatible with or sustainable under democratic politics. The course examines the social impact of austerity budgeting in areas such as public health and discusses the emergent politics of anti-austerity on both sides of the political spectrum. It draws mostly on literature from the political science subfields of comparative and international economy, as well as the fields of macroeconomics, economic history, sociology and public health.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

ASTK18234U

### Host Institution Course Title

THE POLITICS OF CRISIS AND AUSTERITY

### Host Institution Campus

### Host Institution Faculty

Faculty of Social Sciences

### Host Institution Degree

Bachelor/Master

### Host Institution Department

Department of Political Science

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