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

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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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