

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

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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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