

## COURSE DETAIL

### BUILDING DEMOCRACIES FROM CONFLICT: VIOLENCE, POWER-SHARING AND INSTITUTIONAL DESIGN

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

London School of Economics

**Program(s)**

Summer at London School of Economics

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science International Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

110

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

BUILDNG DEMOCRACIES

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.50

## **UCEAP Semester Units**

3.70

### **Course Description**

How can we design, build, and sustain "democracies" in places that have been engaged in sustained conflict? The course explores societies torn apart by political violence and ethnic conflict. The main purpose is to diagnose the central problems, and examine what political responses are most appropriate using multiple case studies. The first part of the course mostly looks at the problems. The course begins with an examination of Iraq as an example of armed intervention and regime change. The second part of the course shifts the focus of attention to "solutions" and policy responses to divided societies and failing states. The course looks at which are the most appropriate electoral systems for divided places (and which should be avoided). The course ends by analyzing the "Arab Springs" and the resilience of authoritarianism in the Middle East.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

IR210

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Course Details**

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/summer-schools/summer-school/courses/interna...>

### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Government

**Course Last Reviewed**

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