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

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

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Government

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