COURSE DETAIL

TWO GERMAN STATES IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE, 1949-1990 (AND BEYOND...)

Country
Germany

Host Institution
Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)
Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History German

UCEAP Course Number
161

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
TWO GERMAN STATES IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE, 1949-1990 (AND BEYOND...)

UCEAP Transcript Title
TWO GERMAN STATES

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

Over thirty years after German reunification, this course revisits the period in which two German states existed, examining the fraught and complicated, but nonetheless deeply symbiotic, relationship they had with each other. How did two German states come into being in the first place? How did they develop, both separately and in parallel, and how did they determine each other's history? Some of the debates the course engages with include: to what extent did the Federal Republic inherit the political, social, economic, and cultural mantle of Hitler's Third Reich? Was there any choice but to reintegrate former Nazis into West German public life? Was the GDR a totalitarian state, exercising complete control over its citizens' lives? Did the Berlin Wall have any advantages? How were immigrants and foreigners treated in the two German states? Finally, from the vantage point of the 2020s, the course considers whether one can now speak of a unified German nation, in which the historical divisions between east and west have been overcome.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
51454

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