COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY OF THE COMMUNIST SECRET POLICE IN EASTERN EUROPE, 1950-1989

Country
Germany

Host Institution
Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)
Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
161

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
HISTORY OF THE COMMUNIST SECRET POLICE IN EASTERN EUROPE, 1950-1989

UCEAP Transcript Title
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UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

The opening of secret-police archives in Eastern Europe over the past three decades has constituted an archival revolution for historians. The newly-available materials have provided additional insight not only into the social and political history of communism, but also into the tools, methods, and tactics of repression employed by modern dictatorships. This course examines the English-language historical scholarship about the Soviet and Soviet-bloc state security services, including works about their role and place in East European politics and society. The opening of the records after 1989, their availability to researchers, their relative usefulness as sources, and the impact of their opening on politics and society is also discussed, along with the legacies of the communist secret police themselves. Can one speak of an emerging international or transnational historiography on the communist-era secret police, or does the scholarship about them remain largely national (or even nationalistic)?

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
51453

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