COURSE DETAIL

PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Country Norway
Host Institution University of Oslo
Program(s) University of Oslo
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 106
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
UCEAP Transcript Title PUB OPIN&POL BEHAV
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description

The course is organized around three major themes: values, voting, and trust. The first theme concerns citizens' belief systems, notably their political attitudes and values: how are these structured, what explains them, how are they changing? The second theme concerns electoral behavior: why do people vote (or not) at all, and if they do, how do they choose among the parties? Finally, the course covers generalized "political trust" in democratic institutions and processes. Is political trust on the decline, and if so where and why? What are the broader consequences of political trust for politics and society? In all three parts, the course emphasizes the interplay between citizens and political parties: how do these affect and react to each other? In each part, moreover, the course considers a variety of explanatory factors, including deep-seated explanations connected to social background (e.g. class, education, gender) as well as more short-term explanations (e.g. election campaigns, fluctuating economic interests, and the performance of the incumbent government).

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
STV2330

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Political Science

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