COURSE DETAIL

THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT AND THE ELECTION OF DONALD TRUMP
Country Germany
Host Institution Free University of Berlin
Program(s) Free University Berlin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History American Studies
UCEAP Course Number 141
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT AND THE ELECTION OF DONALD TRUMP
UCEAP Transcript Title RELIG RIGHT&TRUMP
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
Religious freedom is a concept that belongs to the history of the United States since before the actual foundation of the country. Ingrained in the narrative of the flee from the Old Continent in search of religious tolerance, the idea of religious freedom is composed of two terms that have always had a major importance in how the citizens of the nation perceive themselves, their fundamental values, and the history of their country. During Donald Trump's electoral campaign, organizations of the movement known as the Religious Right, engaged in the creation of a narrative of religious freedom under threat. This was employed in articles, newsletters, and speeches in an alarmist tone, increasingly apocalyptic as election day approached. The role reserved to Trump in the narrative was that of the only candidate who could have done something to preserve religious freedom. Acknowledging the preference accorded to him by several prominent pro-life and pro-family groups, Trump readily started to show his interest to conservative Christians' grievances for their loss of status. The course offers an overview of the evolution of an evangelical type of religion in the United States, followed by a presentation of material regarding the narrative of threat to religious freedom produced by the religious right, and interviews conducted with Christian Trump voters. Other topics covered are: social imaginary, status politics, anti-intellectualism, and populism in America.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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