

COURSE DETAIL

HENRY KISSINGER AND THE GLOBAL 1970S

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

London School of Economics

Program(s)

London School of Economics

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science History

UCEAP Course Number

136

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

HENRY KISSINGER AND THE GLOBAL 1970S

UCEAP Transcript Title

HENRY KISSINGER/70S

UCEAP Quarter Units

12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

Henry Kissinger might be the most controversial American statesman of the 20th century. More than 40 years since he left office, he remains the focus of intense popular and scholarly debate concerning the uses of American power during the Cold War. This course explores these controversies in the study of "America and the World" in the 1970s. The course begins by examining how Kissinger's ideas about foreign policy evolved during his early life in wartime Germany and his career as a foreign policy intellectual at Harvard University. The majority of the course is then concerned with the central controversies of Kissinger's time in office as national security adviser and secretary of state between 1969 and 1976. Each week students will examine Kissinger's role in shaping and implementing American foreign policy in a particular theater of the global Cold War, focusing on the major crises and conflicts of the decade. Students read and reflect on extracts from Kissinger's memoirs as a primary source, in conjunction with the latest historical research on that topic.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HY331

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Host Institution Campus

London School of Economics

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

International History

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