COURSE DETAIL

BETWEEN AUTHORITARIANISM AND DEMOCRACY IN THE POST-COMMUNIST REGION

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
104

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
BETWEEN AUTHORITARIANISM AND DEMOCRACY IN THE POST-COMMUNIST REGION

UCEAP Transcript Title
AUTHORITAR&DEMOCRCY

UCEAP Quarter Units
8.00

UCEAP Semester Units
5.30

Course Description

The end of communist rule in former Eastern Europe was widely seen as the culmination of the third wave of democratization. However, the ‘revolutions’ of 1989 were not uniform processes: the starting points were different, the trajectories were different, and so were the outcomes. Some countries never progressed beyond hybrid regimes, while others became liberal democracies and joined the European Union – and some of these are now backsliding on democracy. This course combines insights into specific cases (Ukraine, Georgia, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, and Slovakia) with a comparative take on some key issues in contemporary Central and Eastern Europe. Some of the questions raised in this course are: How do support for democracy, satisfaction with democracy, and political trust vary across the region? Why did some countries successfully complete the transition from communism to democracy, while others got stuck in a half-way house? What is democratic backsliding in theory and practice, and how can it be reversed? How do oligarchs and grand corruption affect politics and democracy in the post-communist region? What roles do Russia and the European Union play? How does populism in general and radical right populism in particular play out in the region?

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
STV2380

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Host Institution Degree
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