COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF WESTERN EUROPE
Country Japan
Host Institution Waseda University
Program(s) Waseda University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 129
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF WESTERN EUROPE
UCEAP Transcript Title WESTERN EUROPE POL
UCEAP Quarter Units 3.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.00

Course Description

This course provides a comparative approach to European politics, analyzing the interplay between national and EU-level decision-making. It examines how political authority is delegated from voters to representatives, governments, and EU institutions to understand broader European political processes. Throughout the course, it explores the institutional diversity of European democracies, comparing parliamentary, semi-presidential, and majoritarian systems and analyzing how electoral rules shape party competition and voter behavior. It also examines the European Union's governance structures and how they interact with national decision-making, influencing both domestic policies and broader integration efforts while assessing how different economic models shape national economic policy preferences.

Additionally, the course investigates the political and social impacts of migration, welfare state reforms, and sovereignty conflicts, as well as the rise of populism and Euroskepticism, exploring how these forces reshape both national and European politics. Rather than focusing on a single-country approach, this course draws on comparative examples from multiple European countries to highlight similarities, differences, and key trends.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
POLX231L

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