COURSE DETAIL

MANAGING GLOBAL PROBLEMS

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University

Program(s)

Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

103

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

MANAGING GLOBAL PROBLEMS

UCEAP Transcript Title

MANAGE GLOBL PROBLM

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Many societal problems transcend the borders of the nation-state. Economic developments and trade, crime and terrorism, refugees, climate change, human trafficking, natural disasters, international monetary and financial crises, inequality, are not confined to national territory. To cope with these matters, nation-states have partially delegated competencies to supranational bodies. The number of supranational institutions, laws, rules and norms has, accordingly, tremendously increased over time. As a result, we face a diverse and complex institutional landscape of global governance that has profound influence on the day-to-day life of citizens. This course offers a broad introduction to the theory and practice of global governance. It does so by analyzing the main institutional processes of global governance and, subsequently, by zooming in on selected global issues, such as recent cases of international security, humanitarian and financial crises, the refugee crisis and gender inequality. The following questions are addressed: when do states delegate authority to supranational institutions and why; how do these acts of delegation affect the distribution of power and influence; who is pulling which strings; what repercussions does the complex global institutional landscape have for essential values of (good) governance such as democratic legitimacy and accountability; is global governance truly and evenly global, or are these processes increasingly dividing the powerful and rich from the marginalized and poor?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

USG4261

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Host Institution Campus

Law, Economics and Governance

Host Institution Faculty

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