COURSE DETAIL

POPULISM AND THE CHALLENGE TO WESTERN DEMOCRACY

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University College London

Program(s)
Summer at University College London

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science

UCEAP Course Number
111

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
POPULISM AND THE CHALLENGE TO WESTERN DEMOCRACY

UCEAP Transcript Title
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UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Authoritarian populist parties hold power in Hungary and Poland and have gained significant support in countries as diverse as France, Italy, and Germany. But what is populism? Is it part of a historical trend or is it markedly new? Does populism speak for "the people" or is it a danger to democracy? Is the rise of populism irresistible or can liberal democracies react to this challenge? The course takes a look at competing ideas of populism before evaluating the causes of the recent growth of populism in Europe and the United States. The course analyzes explanations which highlight economic causes, cultural backlash, and elite manipulation. The course concludes by looking at strategies which liberal democracies might use to respond to populism.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ISSU0095

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Host Institution Course Details
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/summer-school/modules/populism-chall...

Host Institution Campus
Bloomsbury

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Bachelors

Host Institution Department

Center for Languages and International Education

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