COURSE DETAIL

PROBLEMS OF CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY
Country Hong Kong
Host Institution University of Hong Kong
Program(s) University of Hong Kong
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) European Studies
UCEAP Course Number 112
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PROBLEMS OF CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY
UCEAP Transcript Title EUROPEAN POLS & SOC
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description
This course explores how Europe's different political systems function and examines major current political, economic, and social challenges. The course introduces a variety of key ideas, concepts, and texts that have shaped European political thought. The first part of the course reads works by Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau to understand some of the ideational foundations of European politics. The course utilizes key texts and notions that frame the rationale for the process of European integration and the development of the EU to provide understanding of the tensions surrounding the legitimacy of government, the constitutional and political arrangements in several European countries, the complex structure of the EU and its interlinkage with domestic political systems in its member states among others. In a second part of the course, attention focuses on a number of conflicts and challenges that Europe currently faces. Themes include the dynamics of democratic politics in Europe; immigration, Islam, and the revival of populism in Europe; as well as the so-called politics of memory. This course highlights how European societies are coming to terms with major problems, how this influences the conduct of politics on the continent, and what kind of lessons can be learned.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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