COURSE DETAIL

POWER IN WORLD POLITICS

Country
Netherlands

Host Institution
Leiden University College

Program(s)
Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science

UCEAP Course Number
107

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
POWER IN WORLD POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title
POWER WORLD POLTCS

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description
This course covers the nature of power in contemporary world politics and considers who or what counts as powerful in global affairs. The following topics are covered: the United States as a super power and the sources of its power (military might, economic prowess or cultural attraction); actors that balance US power; the rise of BRICS and the global power shift; globalization transforming the very nature of power itself. Power is a key concept in world politics. This certainly applies to the academic study of world politics, especially the discipline of International Relations (IR) where power has always been a fundamental category. Power is conceptualized as a possession or resource that states can mobilize to advance their interests. This course introduces, surveys, and critically examines the most important philosophies, theories and conceptions of power in world politics. As mentioned, different schools of thought disagree sharply on the nature of power in world politics, including on the sources of power, its effects on inter-state and transnational relations and its consequences for peace and security. Yet all of these schools offer thought-provoking perspectives on power and its relationship to connected phenomena, such as authority, hegemony, leadership, and coercion. These perspectives can be turned into valuable tools with which are used to analyze the various facets of power in world politics. In order to do so, this course crosses disciplinary boundaries, linking political science, sociology, and political philosophy. Concrete examples are drawn from world politics past and present to illustrate the ways in which the complex phenomenon called power operates in global affairs.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

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Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department World Politics
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