

## COURSE DETAIL

### POPULISM AND THE CRISIS OF DEMOCRACY: A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

**Country**

Japan

**Host Institution**

Waseda University

**Program(s)**

Waseda University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

127

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

POPULISM

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

3.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

2.00

### **Course Description**

What is populism? Who is populist, who is not? The concept of populism has become rapidly popular in political science and in everyday conversations. It is nowadays considered as a key notion that helps to designate the rise of a new kind of demagogues, in many countries. However, it seems to be difficult to define clearly what it is, and to discriminate populists from democrats. The rise of populism is consubstantial with a global evolution of democratic regimes. This is why this course explores this ambiguous concept through a comparative perspective. The course analyzes the problems democracies are facing through the eyes of populism. It presents the main aspects of such evolutions, thanks to an international comparison mostly focusing on France and Japan. The course presents the theoretical complexity of populism in the political science literature. It describes the common evolutions of the main democratic societies, with a focus on France and Japan. The course analyzes the rise of new demagogues a to understand their characteristics and their actions. Assessment: exam, papers, class participation.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

POLX314L

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### **Host Institution Campus**

School of International Liberal Studies

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

SILS- Political Science

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