# COURSE DETAIL

| BEING, TRUTH, AND NEGATION IN PLATO AND WITTGENSTEIN |
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| **Country**<br>Germany |
| **Host Institution**<br>Humboldt University Berlin |
| **Program(s)**<br>Humboldt University Berlin |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Philosophy |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>109 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>BEING, TRUTH, AND NEGATION IN PLATO AND WITTGENSTEIN |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>PLATO&WITTGENSTEIN |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>4.50 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>3.00 |

**Course Description**

In this course, we will bring together Plato's and Wittgenstein's discussions of negation, truth, and being. This is not an arbitrary juxtaposition: Plato's Theaetetus is a text that Wittgenstein responds to directly in the Philosophical Investigations--one of a very few philosophical texts to be mentioned at all. In the first half of the semester, we will engage in close reading of parts of Plato's Theaetetus and Sophist that discuss the structure of propositions, the nature of truth, the possibility of false belief and false statements, and also negation. (The Sophist is closely tied to the Theaetetus, by both literary signals and philosophical themes.) In the second half of the semester, we will turn to Wittgenstein, reading selections from the Tractatus and the Investigations. We will be interested both in how Wittgenstein responds explicitly to Plato and in how Wittgensteins responds indirectly (or unintentionally) to Plato.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

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