COURSE DETAIL

CONFLICTING IDENTITIES: THE INFLUENCE OF "GERMANY" OVER CENTRAL EUROPE (FROM THE MIDDLE AGES TO 1945)

Country
Czech Republic

Host Institution
CIEE, Prague

Program(s)
Central European Studies

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science History

UCEAP Course Number
113

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
CONFLICTING IDENTITIES: THE INFLUENCE OF "GERMANY" OVER CENTRAL EUROPE (FROM THE MIDDLE AGES TO 1945)

UCEAP Transcript Title
CONFLICTING IDENTIT

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description
The course focuses on the history of Central Europe through the perspective of German influence. It sheds light on complicated and controversial notions such as “Central Europe”, “Germany”, and “Mitteleuropa” as well as “nationalism”, the “nation state”, and “multinational states”. The course is divided into three main units which follow the chronology and reflect the evolution in the meaning of the “German” as well as the changing nature of its interactions with the non-German elements in Central Europe. Topics covered include: The Habsburgs and their assertion of control over the majority of Central Europe, thereby placing its population under German rule (from the Middle Ages to the end of the 18th century); The Age of Nationalism, the development of specific central European identities and political strategies against German rules and the resulting modification of the European map after World War I; and The German “Mitteleuropa”, the weak democracies of Central Europe and the growing threat of German revisionism for the non-German states and population in Central Europe. Added emphasis is placed on the role played by the Jews in shaping the history and culture of Central Europe and on their relations with the other Central European peoples. Through this course students achieve an understanding of the history of the different entities that now constitute the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, and Hungary and of their interaction with each other and with the different “German states”. At the end of the semester, students should be familiar with the general history of Central Europe and with its place within the broader European context. They should be able to analyze related primary sources and to use the material studied in class to shed light on contemporary issues regarding the relationship between the countries of East Central Europe, Austria, and Germany.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HIST 3004/POLI 3013

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Host Institution Degree
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