

COURSE DETAIL

THE EU IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science European Studies

UCEAP Course Number

164

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE EU IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

UCEAP Transcript Title

EU IN PUBLIC SPHERE

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course focuses on the The European Union (EU) and how the EU is often accused of suffering from a 'democratic deficit'. Students examine how part of this argument is rooted in a notion that the EU is not visible enough in media, and that because of this, European citizens do not have enough information about what the EU does and how it functions to form informed opinions about EU policies and the EU as a system. The course also examines the problematic way in which the EU is presented, with a tendency towards a national and negative focus on European issues. Such arguments about the EU's presence in the public sphere have become all the more important as the EU has experienced increased contestation over the last decades. How is the EU portrayed and debated in traditional and social media, and how does it matter for the EU's democratic legitimacy? Students explore these topics and questions through recent literature and analyze empirical examples from different types of media.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

15122

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Host Institution Campus

Free University of Berlin

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Otto-Suhr-Institut für Politikwissenschaft

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