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

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15122

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