

COURSE DETAIL

ACTION AND THE GOOD

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

136

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

There are two thoughts at the center of this class, which are to be challenged and clarified in discussion. The first thought is that all desire is somehow or other aimed at the good. The second thought is that all action is somehow or other subject to normative evaluation. The class challenges and clarifies these thoughts by close reading of parts of Plato's Republic and of contemporary texts. From Plato's Republic, the class focuses on the role of technical expertise (techne) in guiding action; on theory of the tripartite soul; and on the theory of desire and its objects. Students read contemporary works, especially by Christine Korsgaard, that deals with related themes and also touches on Plato's Republic. Students also read works by Rachel Barney, which is focused on the Republic and helps to forge a connection between Plato's text and these contemporary debates.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

51053

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Humboldt University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Institut für Philosophie

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