COURSE DETAIL

FROM AFFLUENCE TO INFLUENCE: INTRODUCTION TO THE ROLE OF THE RICH IN POLITICS

Country
Germany

Host Institution
Free University of Berlin

Program(s)
Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science

UCEAP Course Number
112

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
FROM AFFLUENCE TO INFLUENCE: INTRODUCTION TO THE ROLE OF THE RICH IN POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title
ROLE OF RICH IN POL

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

The seminar enquires the question of how affluence translates into influence, both on the domestic and international level via the engagement with three recently published books. With Guido Alfani's "As Gods Among Men. A History of the Rich in the West", the course asks what makes a person rich, what the richs' role is in society and how either changed across history. With Katharina Pistor's "The Code of Capital. How the law creates wealth and inequality", the course seeks to understand the law and its international application as a core mechanism that turns affluence into influence. And with Helen Thompson's "Disorder. Hard Times in the 21st Century", the course assesses the implications of "aristocratic excess" on contemporary democratic politics. The seminar is an introduction to the topic and does not require any previous knowledge. However, it does require a commitment to reading substantive parts of each book.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
15111

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Host Institution Campus
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Otto-Suhr-Institut für Politikwissenschaft

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