

# 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**

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**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 rich's 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**

Free University of Berlin

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Otto-Suhr-Institut für Politikwissenschaft

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