

COURSE DETAIL

REVOLUTIONARY SQUARES: SPATIAL DYNAMICS OF CONTENTION

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

120

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

REVOLUTIONARY SQUARES: SPATIAL DYNAMICS OF CONTENTION

UCEAP Transcript Title

SPATIAL CONTENTION

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Revolutionary movements often times embed their actions in places where power is physically located, i.e., houses of parliaments, presidential palaces and so on. Aiming at the so-called nerve centers of powers can be crucial in successfully disrupting power. Throughout history public spaces have time and again served as playing fields for contentious politics: During the French revolution, the storming of the Bastille in 1789 held symbolic value, while the protest camp in Cairo's Tahrir square was crucial for the overthrowing of the Egyptian regime in 2011. Beyond those, examples of the use of space for contentious politics by both resistance and repression actors can be found in Khartoum (qiyadah sit-in), Beijing (Tiananmen massacre) and Tirana (Skanderbeg Square) to name a few. But how do these squares and places become revolutionary - or not? Following this question, the seminar aims to explore the relationship between revolutions and space, delving specifically into the role of public spaces for revolutionary oppositions in mobilizing, building shared identities, and configuring spaces which embody their visions for a different future.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

15133

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Host Institution Campus

Free University of Berlin

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Host Institution Degree

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