

# COURSE DETAIL

## TOPICS IN POLITICAL ECONOMY

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

London School of Economics

**Program(s)**

London School of Economics

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Economics

**UCEAP Course Number**

162

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

TOPICS IN POLITICAL ECONOMY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

TOPICS POL ECONOMY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course focuses on the applications of game theoretical and empirical approaches to the understanding of contemporary political issues. During the lectures, students cover some seminal and some most recent models to think critically about the topics studied. In addition, they go over papers testing or related to the theories we cover. Students learn to assess critically the usefulness and limitations of theories and empirics alike. As such, this course allows students to understand how the tools they acquired in GV225 – Public Choice (or equivalent course) and GV249 – Research Design (or equivalent course) can be combined to study important political questions. Themes covered change every year as a function of current debates in the scholarly community and of pressing problems in the world at large. In recent years, the topics studied in the course have included, among others, populism, media and democracy, autocratic politics, terrorism. Questions covered during the lectures have included the sources of populists' success, the effect of biased media on political outcomes, the role of violence in securing autocratic regimes, or the evaluation of counter-terrorist policies, among many others.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

GV325

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

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