

## COURSE DETAIL

### UNDERSTANDING THE RISE OF THE RADICAL RIGHT

**Country**

Germany

**Host Institution**

Humboldt University Berlin

**Program(s)**

Humboldt University Berlin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

120

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

UNDERSTANDING THE RISE OF THE RADICAL RIGHT

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

RISE RADICAL RIGHT

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

**Course Description**

Over the past decades, the radical right has been on the rise worldwide, creating challenges to democratic governance. This seminar investigates the drivers of radical right support, the consequences of their success, as well as responses by civic society to foster democratic resilience. The focus is on quantitative research on Europe and North America. The seminar is split into four parts. The first part gives a brief overview of core concepts and definitions that guide students throughout the course. This involves a discussion of ideological features that characterize the radical right as well as the issues they campaign on. The second part covers the causes of far right success by examining demand-side explanations involving classic theories of voting behavior, as well as supply-side explanations with a focus on theories of political competition. This includes the strategies radical right parties employ and how mainstream party reaction affects their electoral fortunes. The third part gives an extensive overview of consequences of radical right success on democratic governance and civic society. Students analyze how these successes affect democratic governance, other parties' positions, as well as public opinion. The fourth part engages with a growing literature on interventions that are aimed at bolstering democratic resilience. The seminar is designed to familiarize students with seminal contributions in the theoretical and empirical literature on voting behavior, political competition, and democratic governance that help understand the rise of the radical right.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

42600081

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**Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

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