# COURSE DETAIL

| HISTORY OF POLITICAL DOCTRINES |
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| **Country**<br>Italy |
| **Host Institution**<br>University of Bologna |
| **Program(s)**<br>University of Bologna |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Political Science |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>132 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>HISTORY OF POLITICAL DOCTRINES |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>HIST POL DOCTRN |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>6.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>4.00 |

**Course Description**

The course provides students with the fundamental coordinates of modern political conceptuality (individual, the State, conflict, freedom, people, representation, etc.). The lessons focus on a series of classic authors of the history of political thought, addressed in their specific characters and supported by the reading and commentary of texts in the classroom. The course follows a monographic red thread - the birth and (presumed) end of modern political conceptuality - and does not claim to cover the entire history of political thought. Fundamental authors live in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, just as essential foundations are laid by ancient and medieval thought. The purpose of this monographic choice is to investigate those passages that best allow the questioning and exposition of the implicit assumptions of our contemporary political life. In particular, two key moments are analyzed: the birth of modern political conceptuality (16th-17th centuries), and the point of greatest tension of this conceptual apparatus in the XXth century. In outlining its fundamental passages, we constantly wonder about the persistence or the crisis of this conceptual apparatus in our contemporaneity: how modern is the implicit assumptions of our political action? What contemporary transformations have instead radically changed the scenario? How have the relationships between society, the State and market changed historically? Are there constants of human action and is it possible to study them?

At the end of the course, students: know the fundamental features of the modern and contemporary History of Political Thought; know the main forms of political communication and understand the complex relationships between ideas and facts; know the most important political doctrines and are able to critically analyze them in connection with the relevant cultural, institutional, historical and social context; are able to understand the most important political and institutional changes in Western history.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
Italian

**Host Institution Course Number**
00983

**Host Institution Course Title**
STORIA DELLE DOTTRINE POLITICHE

**Host Institution Course Details**
https://www.unibo.it/it/studiare/dottorati-master-specializzazioni-e-altra-form...

**Host Institution Campus**
BOLOGNA

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**
L in INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION

**Host Institution Department**
STATISTICAL SCIENCES

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