

COURSE DETAIL

THE AMERICAN MODEL OF CAPITALISM FROM A COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ECONOMY PERSPECTIVE

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Political Science Economics American Studies

UCEAP Course Number

138

UCEAP Course Suffix

M

UCEAP Official Title

THE AMERICAN MODEL OF CAPITALISM FROM A COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ECONOMY PERSPECTIVE

UCEAP Transcript Title

AM CAPITALISM COMP

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course examines the unique political economy of the United States in drawing primarily—but not exclusively—on comparative political economy (CPE) scholarship to explore how the American economy functions, how it compares to its (mainly European) peers, and why it remains so. The course consists of three interconnected main parts. The first part discusses the basic logic behind the comparative analysis of capitalism and trace the ideational roots of contemporary approaches in comparative political economy, providing a foundational understanding of key debates in CPE. The second and third part of the seminar are dedicated to the dominant theoretical frameworks for the comparative analysis of capitalism in the last decades, with a particular focus on the United States. By integrating theoretical perspectives with in-depth comparative analysis, this course equips students with the tools to critically assess the evolution of the American model of capitalism, engage critically with contemporary economic challenges, and understand how national political economies mediate and respond to the global forces shaping today's capitalism.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

32602

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

John-F-Kennedy-Institut für Nordamerikastudien

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