

COURSE DETAIL

IDEAL AND NON-IDEAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY IN PLATO

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

138

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

IDEAL AND NON-IDEAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY IN PLATO

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLTCL PHIL PLATO

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course examines Plato's political philosophy through the lens of John Rawls's distinction between ideal and non-ideal theory. Rawls characterizes ideal theory as assuming full compliance with the demands of justice, while non-ideal theory addresses the conditions under which such compliance fails. By engaging closely with Plato's *Republic* and *Laws*, the class explores how each text embodies or challenges these frameworks in order to achieve a greater understanding of the aims of Plato's political thought and the merits versus limits of philosophical idealization.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

51041

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Institut für Philosophie

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