

COURSE DETAIL

POPULISM IN EUROPE

Country

Korea, South

Host Institution

Seoul National University

Program(s)

Seoul National University

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science History

UCEAP Course Number

85

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

POPULISM IN EUROPE

UCEAP Transcript Title

POPULISM IN EUROPE

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This survey course focuses on the political dynamics of populism in contemporary European countries. The course begins by examining how social science researchers define and conceptualize populism, with a focus on identifying its boundaries - what is and is not considered populist.

Despite the widespread use of the term populism, disagreements over its definition and usage, as well as a general lack of clarity surrounding its meaning, hinder our understanding of populist politics and their causes and consequences. The course assesses competing academic definitions, explores subtypes of populism, and evaluates the strengths and weaknesses of existing categorizations. The course addresses a number of key political dynamics and how they relate to populism, including attitudinal change, organizational formation, voting patterns, electoral performance, and protest and riot behavior. We explore theorized causes such as economic downturns, political competition, migration, inter-cultural group tensions, global trends, and international relations. In addition to examining its causes, the course studies the effects of populism, including its impact on democratic institutions, inter-group relations, and international relations.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

3715.000100

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

Course Last Reviewed

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