

# COURSE DETAIL

## THE TRUTH: A POLITICAL HISTORY OF PRESS AND POPULISM

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University - University College Utrecht

**Program(s)**

University College Utrecht

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science History Film & Media Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

134

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

THE TRUTH: A POLITICAL HISTORY OF PRESS AND POPULISM

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

HIST:MEDIA&POPULISM

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course focuses on the surprisingly long history of facts and truths in the public sphere. Study how politicians and philosophers devised ways to counter populism without touching the vital democratic principles of freedom of speech or the right to vote. In this course, conduct a research project that explores the intricate relationship between press (media) and politics through analyzing the power of rumor, researching how representative political systems in the past have tried to avert the dangers of fake news and information, and researching news media in all ages in digitized collections across the globe or in the physical archives in The Netherlands. The course answers questions such as what is public opinion? Where and when does it take shape? If freedom of speech is a necessary condition for representative democratic systems, does it automatically breed populism? Did people in the past assess the information that they had to base their political opinions on differently than we do today? The course has entry requirements.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

UCHUMHIS38

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## Host Institution Course Details

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## Host Institution Campus

Utrecht University

## Host Institution Faculty

University College Utrecht

## Host Institution Degree

**Host Institution Department**

Humanities

**Course Last Reviewed**

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