

COURSE DETAIL

APPLYING DISCOURSE THEORY: POPULISM, INDIGNATION AND POLITICAL IDENTITIES

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

107

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

APPLYING DISCOURSE THEORY: POPULISM, INDIGNATION AND POLITICAL IDENTITIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

DISCOURSE THEORY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course considers the importance of political identities in understanding recent events that have turned the world upside down, such as the new “indignation” protests (Occupy, Indignados, Yellow Vests) and the emergence of populism (Donald Trump, Bernie Sanders, Syriza, Front National). The course covers how ideologies are formed in these movements as well as the role of political dispute in winning hearts and minds. The course introduces, develops, and critically engages key concepts of Discourse Theory. In particular, the course, referring to a wide range of sources, including post-structuralism and psychoanalysis, explains how political identities are discursively constructed on antagonisms and how different discourses dispute the hegemony of the construction of these identities. The course tries to conciliate two moments. Firstly, a theoretical part, which presents the ontological presuppositions of Discourse Theory as well as key concepts such as antagonism, hegemony, ideology, affect, fantasy, and enjoyment. Secondly, a more practical part, devoted to the application of Discourse Theory in the analysis of empirical cases, showing how the tools encountered throughout the classes open a productive path towards studying contemporary political phenomena.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DSPO 25A09

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