

# 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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**Host Institution Course Details****Host Institution Campus**

English Seminar

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Political Science

**Course Last Reviewed**

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