

COURSE DETAIL

BRITISH POLITICAL DISCOURSE IN A NORTH AMERICAN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Country

France

Host Institution

Sciences Po Reims

Program(s)

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UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Communication

UCEAP Course Number

115

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

BRITISH POLITICAL DISCOURSE IN A NORTH AMERICAN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

UCEAP Transcript Title

BRTSH POL DISCOURSE

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course analyzes British political discourse that has left a mark on history, and, when possible, to compare it with American and/or Canadian discourse on similar topics and issues. The lecturers are often from different political parties, and from different sides of the Atlantic, promoting complementary or opposed views, for instance: Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan, Tony Blair and Bill Clinton, Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and W. L. Mackenzie King, Elizabeth II and Justin Trudeau, David Cameron and Barack Obama, Theresa May and Donald Trump. Different types of discourse are featured: first and foremost speeches, but also press conferences, manifestoes, and newspaper columns written by politicians. Though the twenty-first century is more substantially represented, the texts span a period of a century and a half (1872 to 2019), providing an opportunity to look into the evolution of rhetorical techniques over time. Each session revolves around a specific time period and/or set of issues, such as: World War II (with Winston Churchill's iconic speeches), Cold War, imperialism, national apology, party ideology, Scottish independence, Brexit. The text study covers the historical circumstances and the identity of the speakers, but also, crucially, the strategies and rhetorical devices at work. The construction and quality of the argument as well as the stylistics (choice of words, figures of speech) come under close scrutiny, bearing in mind the speaker's target audience and objectives.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

59490

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Host Institution Campus

Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

European Affairs

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