

COURSE DETAIL

GEOPOLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST: THE SUNNI-SHIA RELATIONSHIPS

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 International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

142

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

GEOPOLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST: THE SUNNI-SHIA RELATIONSHIPS

UCEAP Transcript Title

MID EAST:SUNNI-SHIA

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course provides an overview of the Sunni-Shia relationships since the death of the Prophet Muhammad when the question of succession was raised, until today. The question of succession gave birth to two different –and sometimes rivaling– conceptions of the prophetic message as well as political power: the Caliphate supported by the Sunnis-to-be, and the Imamate, supported by Ali's family and followers, later called Shia Muslims. The Sunni-Shia relationships impact the geopolitics of the Middle East but are also shaped by the regional geopolitics. The purpose of this seminar is to take a critical approach in order to understand that the Sunni-Shia divisions also take place in particular political and regional contexts, and to go beyond a strictly confessional reading of geopolitical issues in the Middle East.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DAFF 25A22

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Host Institution Campus

English Seminar

Host Institution Faculty**Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

International Relations

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