COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

125

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

SOCIOLOGY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOC OF POL SCIENCE

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

This course begins from the bottom up. Whereas political science begins with assumptions about human beings as political animals, and economics deals with economic actors – and both perspectives suppose the existence of at least a basic institutional framework – the sociological imagination begins with the human being as a fundamentally social animal. As a result, by beginning with the individual in the simplest of contexts, the course explores fundamental questions about how identities, communities, and institutions emerge, how conflicts arise and are resolved, and about the boundaries of the "rationality" that underpins most social science analysis. It examines political and economic reality as a social experience, bound up with and informing an individual's sense of self. From "self" the course moves to "other," and from the relationship between self and other students examine the contours of power. It then explores capitalism and Marxism, mobilization and anomie, and finally the digital age.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

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Host Institution Course Title

THE SOCIOLOGY OF POLITICS

Host Institution Campus

King's College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Social Science & Public Policy

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