

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF RISKS

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

134

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF RISKS

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOCIOLOGY OF RISKS

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Using case studies from various domains (environment, health, technological and industrial accidents, security, new technologies) and countries, this course explores how social sciences have conceptualized risk over time and how risk has become a central object of political attention. It considers how the notion of risk has become a central concern of today's societies, as Ulrich Beck predicted in the 1990s; and how the language and techniques of risk analysis, first developed in the realm of insurance, have become key to modern governance and to the operation of contemporary states. The course explores how global crises, such as the Covid-19 pandemic and the climate crisis, have further reinforced a perception that risks are essential components of our daily lives and major concerns for governments.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ASOC 25A13

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SOCIOLOGY OF RISKS

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Sociology

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