

COURSE DETAIL

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FOREIGN POLICY

Country

France

Host Institution

Sciences Po Reims

Program(s)

Sciences Po Reims

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

103

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FOREIGN POLICY

UCEAP Transcript Title

PSY OF INTL RELATN

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

This class examines the general conceptual and practical issues confronting the application of psychological variables in the study of foreign policy and international relations. Psychology has been an underutilized subject that needs to be given a more central role in international studies, and recently there is a renewed interest for psychology in the field of International Relations which can be viewed as a part of broader changes occurring in the discipline. Earlier research has proved that incorporating psychological knowledge can enhance our understanding of effective leadership, the decision-making process of leaders, the impact of leaders' personalities on foreign policy choices they make, such as decisions to go to war or make peace, etc. Paying careful attention to the psychological dimensions of international relations adds a broader socio-psychological dimension to political analysis. For this purpose, this course brings research on cognitive, emotional, and other socio-psychological processes into the study of foreign policy to reach a more contextualized understanding of foreign policy behavior. In doing so it poses questions about the social psychology of international relations and examines the role of socio-psychological variables in some of the leading paradigms of foreign policy analysis. The class starts with an overview of general conceptual issues. Students also review the role social psychology has played in the study of foreign policy. Next, the course covers the socio-psychological aspects of effective leadership, decision making, communication and negotiations in foreign policy. The class also pays special attention to the role of emotions, as well as the ability to understand and successfully manage emotions, in foreign relations with a particular focus on ethnic conflict, bargaining, and diplomacy.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

18991

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

International Affairs & Strategy

Course Last Reviewed

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