COURSE DETAIL

PARIS UNDERGROUND
Country France
Host Institution UC Center, Paris (Multi-Site)
Program(s) Global Cities Urban Realities,Social Justice and Activism
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Urban Studies History Comparative Literature
UCEAP Course Number 170
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PARIS UNDERGROUND
UCEAP Transcript Title PARIS UNDERGROUND
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

The 19th century saw the reinvention of the subterranean. From the sewers in Victor Hugo's Les Misérables to the striking miners of Émile Zola's Germinal, novelists began exploring the space beneath their feet. By the turn of the century, the opening of the Paris catacombs to the public and the construction of the metro system fueled the collective imagination, while the hidden strata of history and consciousness were being charted by the developing fields of archaeology and psychoanalysis. In the early to mid-20th century, the subterranean was as much a metaphor as it was a reality, with artists and philosophers drawing inspiration from newly discovered prehistoric cave paintings and the French Resistance returning once again to Hugo's sewers. This class follows modernity as it goes underground. This course discusses topics including French and Parisian history and culture, urban text and its expressions in literature and film, and historical events and reinterpreting them in the context of their reliance on hidden historical and cultural undercurrents.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
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