

## COURSE DETAIL

### HOW WE MAKE THE SOCIAL WORLD

**Country**

France

**Host Institution**

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

**Program(s)**

Sciences Po Paris

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

127

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

HOW WE MAKE THE SOCIAL WORLD

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SOCIAL WORLD

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

The focus of this course is to study how social reality exists. The starting point, which is generally agreed upon in philosophy, is that the structures that make up the social world—universities, governments, money, gender, for example—would not exist if human beings did not exist. Hence, it stands to reason that in one way or another we brought them into being; we constructed them, we made them. But this is where agreement ends. How we made them and what this means for how we study social phenomena—the aim of the social sciences—are hotly debated topics. This course discusses current debates in this field as well as other philosophical contributions closely related to this topic such as those made by Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, and Judith Butler. It introduces students to a foundational philosophical issue that can contribute to explaining why, within the social sciences, there is such a high level of disagreement. This should then serve to help students navigate the large quantity of different social sciences, schools of thought, and approaches they will be faced with during their studies.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

DHUM 1445A

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## Host Institution Campus

English Elective

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Humanities

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