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
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Host Institution Campus
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Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

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