COURSE DETAIL

POLITICS AND STRATEGY OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING
Country France
Host Institution Sciences Po Reims
Program(s) Sciences Po Reims
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 140
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title POLITICS AND STRATEGY OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING
UCEAP Transcript Title UN PEACEKEEPING
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
This course focuses on bringing back politics but also strategy in United Nations Peacekeeping (UNPK) operations. The course mobilizes concepts such as means and ends, trinity, fog, friction, and center of gravity to examine their effects on the politics of UN peace operations. One assumption of this course is that UNPK is often undertaken when it is not the “appropriate instrument of policy”. The course argues that one of the problems of UN operations is that they are not guided by a clear strategy with final objectives. This problem can be traced to the political processes leading to their creation. The UN Security Council is not a single actor deciding about the aims of those operations. If this situation did not pose a problem for traditional UN operations, it is no longer the case with robust missions. That's why it is important to understand the politics and strategy of UNPK. The general objective of the course is to give the students the intellectual tools to analyze more critically how UNPK is organized. The theories used to examine UNPK are mostly Realism (Classical, Structural), Liberalism, and Constructivism. The class aims at criticizing but not rejecting UNPK. The goal is rather to try to look at possible solutions to fix the political and strategic problems surrounding this military-diplomatic tool invented between 1945 and 1956.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
16886

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
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