

COURSE DETAIL

RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM, RADICALISM, AND POPULISM IN EUROPE AND THE US

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

179

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM, RADICALISM, AND POPULISM IN EUROPE AND THE US

UCEAP Transcript Title

RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course introduces students the study of far-right mobilization in a comparative perspective with a primary (but not exclusive) focus on Europe and the US, where the far right seems to have moved into the mainstream, notably by entering in government. The course is organized in three thematic sections: (1) Ideology and discourses, (2) Mobilization and elections, (3) Impact on representative democracies. More precisely, the course introduces students to theories explaining individual and contextual conditions facilitating (and inhibiting) far right mobilization and political success. The course initiates students to different research methods and data—including ethnography, archival research, interviews and surveys both online and offline—to study the far right empirically. With regard to academic skills, the focus is on comparing and synthesizing different theories and contexts, critically assessing the merits of theoretical and empirical studies, posing new research questions, and deducing testable hypotheses. The course makes extensive reference to political science and political sociology literatures, to ongoing and past academic debates, as well as to journalistic reports, relevant online material, documentaries and political debates in the observed countries.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DSPO 25A26

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English Seminar

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