COURSE DETAIL

NATIONAL IDENTITY AND MINORITIES IN FRANCE
Country France
Host Institution UC Center, Paris
Program(s) French in Paris,Food, History, and Culture in Paris
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology History
UCEAP Course Number 120
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title NATIONAL IDENTITY AND MINORITIES IN FRANCE
UCEAP Transcript Title NATL ID&MINORITY FR
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course examines French and Francophone cultural productions since the end of the Second World War, a traumatic event that transformed and deeply marked France's society. It focuses on the evolutions of French national identity and diverse representations of it in a context of decolonization, European dynamics, and globalization. The concept of national identity is challenged by multicultural and immigrant populations that shift our understanding of "French" towards a transnational perspective. The critical urgency of this issue of definition is underlined by increasing political tensions in France that are also accentuated by the growing demands for new public commemorations that seek to acknowledge silenced, wounded memories and that, in doing so, may further divide society. The course examines how dissent about French identity revives democracy while paradoxically undoing national borders. It progresses chronologically, starting with post-War liberations from the margins: women (feminism), colonials (decolonization), youth, and other social identities (May 1968). It then analyzes how these forms of gender, ethnic, and social otherness persist or were dealt with in the 70s and 80s. The course also takes a close look at the geographical and spatial fractures that weigh upon French society. Finally, it addresses today's issues concerning the education system, in particular the teaching of history, the unprecedented economic crisis, old age, climate change, Islam, Islamophobia, Anti-Semitism, the attacks in Paris in 2015, and the refugee crisis.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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