

# COURSE DETAIL

## MEMORY POLITICS: AN INTRODUCTION TO MEMORY STUDIES

**Country**

France

**Host Institution**

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

**Program(s)**

Sciences Po Paris

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology Political Science Anthropology

**UCEAP Course Number**

136

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

MEMORY POLITICS: AN INTRODUCTION TO MEMORY STUDIES

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

MEMORY POLITICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## **Course Description**

This course provides an introduction to memory studies, an interdisciplinary field encompassing sociology, political science, anthropology, and history, among other disciplines. The course introduces the main theoretical concepts in memory studies and the historical development of different approaches while focusing on recent debates on the relationship between memory politics and contemporary political developments (the rise of populism; nostalgia in the post-socialist world; Brexit; tearing down of colonial statues; return of looted artifacts from the Global North). The course provides an understanding of the basic notions of memory and its relation to identity formation, both individual and collective; the role of memory in institutional politics through memorialization rituals; the importance of monuments; and the role of memory and nostalgia as sites of resistance in everyday politics of contemporary world. Through lectures, selected readings, media screenings, group discussions, and student presentations, the course provides insight into the importance of power interplays of different memory and history narratives and critically engages in understanding contemporary memory discourses.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

DSPO 25A46

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### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

**Host Institution Department**

Political Science

**Course Last Reviewed**

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