

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

