

COURSE DETAIL

THE 200-YEAR WAR ON DRUGS: A GLOBAL HISTORY OF NARCOTICS PROHIBITION

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 History

UCEAP Course Number

173

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE 200-YEAR WAR ON DRUGS: A GLOBAL HISTORY OF NARCOTICS PROHIBITION

UCEAP Transcript Title

WAR ON DRUGS HIST

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Combining history with current affairs, this course examines the rise of the global drug regime and considers its present-day governance lessons. It covers how the anti-narcotics system was constructed in the 19th and 20th centuries through a specific historical process, beginning with the opium wars and culminating in a UN-centered global system; and with what consequences. The course evaluates various historical drug regimes, including the full tolerance once practiced in the United States and United Kingdom, the Asian opium monopolies, and the Portuguese decriminalization of possession. It considers contemporary challenges to prohibition, such as cartel violence, the opioid epidemic, marijuana legalization; and finally, paths for reform.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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DHIS 25A18

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Seminar

Host Institution Department

History

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