COURSE DETAIL

TECHNOLOGY, WAR, AND POLITICS

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
131

UCEAP Course Suffix
X

UCEAP Official Title
TECHNOLOGY, WAR, AND POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title
TECH WAR&POLITICS

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description
Whereas the rhythm of technological innovation seems to accelerate, it is relevant to wonder what the consequences of this disruption is on the shape of clashes between political entities and how the relationship to war could be affected within societies. This course shows that the use of a same technology could be assessed in different ways depending on political goals, national strategic cultures, or types of war. In a nutshell, politics is still paramount. These lessons help students to better grasp operational, political, ethical, and societal issues related to the introduction of new technologies in war (such as engines, aircraft, drones, cyber or artificial intelligence), relying on history, current events, and prospective. This course discusses the integration of warfare strategy, technological advances, and their relationship with international politics. Starting from a historical perspective, the course covers World War I and II, the Cold War, and modern day warfare, all studied within the scope of technology. The course eventually examines the future of war, and its dependence on new technologies to come.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
DSPO 25A22

Host Institution Course Title
TECHNOLOGY, WAR, AND POLITICS

Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
English Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Political Science

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