

COURSE DETAIL

THE POLITICS OF MEMORY: REMEMBERING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

113

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE POLITICS OF MEMORY: REMEMBERING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

UCEAP Transcript Title

MEMORY POLITICS MLK

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course offers a reflection on the uses of memory in the American context. The focus is on the iconic figure of Martin Luther King Jr. The course allows students to understand how history feeds the American civic myths and is therefore constantly re-read and reinvented by memory. The 2018 commemorations dedicated to celebrating the memory of the murdered hero are marked by ambiguity. This has been the case since 1968. It is Ronald Reagan, who was opposed to civil rights, that adopted the Martin Luther King holiday in 1983. In 2018, within the tense racial context since the election of Donald Trump, King is the subject of memorial struggles between conservatives and progressives, North and South, Whites and minority populations.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DHUM 1455A

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Host Institution Campus

English Elective

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Humanities

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