COURSE DETAIL

EUROPEAN JIHADISM: A POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY, FROM THE AFGHAN WAR TO ISIS AND BEYOND (1980-2020)

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 Religious Studies Political Science

UCEAP Course Number
153

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
EUROPEAN JIHADISM: A POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY, FROM THE AFGHAN WAR TO ISIS AND BEYOND (1980-2020)

UCEAP Transcript Title
EUROPEAN JIHADISM

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

This course provides a detailed understanding of the European jihadi phenomenon, from its inception during the war in Afghanistan (1979) to the fall of ISIS (2019) and its current reconfigurations on the Old Continent (2020-2023). It is the results of a decade of on-the-ground research, it explores the way jihadi groups and organizations spread their ideas throughout the Old Continent, from the French “banlieues” to the British and Belgian inner cities, and from the German countryside to the Scandinavian metropolitan area. The course also covers female activism, online activism, and the way jihadism functions behind bars. It points out the poorly understood centrality of prisons in the making of European Jihadism and its current reconfigurations since the fall of ISIS. The course introduces jihadism and its key concepts, including pre-modern Islamic theology and jurisprudence to demonstrate how these references were appropriated and repurposed by jihadi ideologues for political ends. It concludes on the current debates in Europe surrounding jihadism and Islamism in the wake of the killing of Samuel Paty in France and subsequent attack in Vienna, Austria.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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