

COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY OF THE MODERN WORLD IN THE 20TH-21ST CENTURIES: WAR-POWER-TERRITORIALITY

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

114

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

HISTORY OF THE MODERN WORLD IN THE 20TH-21ST CENTURIES: WAR-
POWER-TERRITORIALITY

UCEAP Transcript Title

HIST MODERN WORLD

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course provides students with a general basis of knowledge of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries while asking them to address multiple topics and historical questions. Political history is here understood broadly and flexibly, encompassing social, economic, and cultural factors. The course addresses various topics, from the evolution of democracies and dictatorships to wars and mass violence, from empires and decolonization to inequalities and the Welfare state to, finally, the processes of global integration and ensuing crises. The course opens with an introductory session outlining the different ways of studying modern world history, the periodization –conventional and not– historians use, and the main historiographical debates and schools. The remaining sessions are divided into three main blocs, dealing respectively with 1) some key conflicts of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries; 2) the crises and ruptures that have produced some decisive turning points in modern and contemporary history; and 3) the weakening of the nation-state, the crisis of territoriality, and the emergence of important, transnational non-state actors. As a prerequisite, students should have general knowledge of twentieth and twenty-first century political history.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

AHIS 2501

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HISTORY OF THE MODERN WORLD XX-XXI CENTURY: WAR-POWER-TERRITORIALITY

Host Institution Campus

English Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History

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