COURSE DETAIL

ART AND POLITICS IN MODERN FRANCE: FROM THE REVOLUTION TO THE PRESENT

Country
France

Host Institution
UC Center, Paris

Program(s)
Food, History, and Culture in Paris

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History Art History

UCEAP Course Number
122

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
ART AND POLITICS IN MODERN FRANCE: FROM THE REVOLUTION TO THE PRESENT

UCEAP Transcript Title
ART & POLITICS

UCEAP Quarter Units
5.00

UCEAP Semester Units
3.30

Course Description

This course explores art and politics in France from the revolution to the present. Through a multimedia approach including sculptures, paintings, prints, commemorative monuments, architecture, street art, and photographs, it retraces the changing forms that some of the most salient political messages have taken in modern French art. The course follows a chronological progression from Revolution to Empire, followed by the rise and fall of the Second Empire and the resulting thirst for revenge. It then broaches the 20th century, including the politics of the avant-garde, the art of colonialism, and the varied aesthetic responses to the rise of totalitarianism on display at the 1937 World's Fair in Paris and evident in the art of collaboration and resistance produced in Occupied and Vichy France during the Second World War. The art of 1960s countercultural contestation (anti-capitalist, anti-colonial, feminist, etc.) is then studied, before examining recent initiatives in the realm of commemorative art and cultural display that approach issues facing contemporary French society today, such as terrorism and constructively confronting its colonial legacy. The instructional format consists of both lectures and group site visits to museums and monuments throughout the city.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
UC Center Paris

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