COURSE DETAIL

DILEMMAS OF A NUCLEAR-ARMED WORLD
Country France
Host Institution Sciences Po Reims
Program(s) Sciences Po Reims
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science International Studies
UCEAP Course Number 101
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title DILEMMAS OF A NUCLEAR-ARMED WORLD
UCEAP Transcript Title NUCLEAR ARMED WORLD
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
This seminar explores the impact of nuclear weapons on the world we live in. It allows students to better understand policy issues such as the crisis with North Korea, current investments in nuclear weapons modernization worldwide, the nuclear arms race, the politics of nuclear deterrence, non-proliferation, disarmament, and crisis management in the Trump era. It addresses security issues but goes beyond them to address ethical and historical issues. It investigates nuclear weapons as techno-political objects which create new dilemmas for people living under their shadow. By doing so, it allows students interested in international relations, history, and sociology of science and technology to include the nuclear weapons factor in their thinking without limiting it to security issues and to get a better grasp of the historicity of those dilemmas. This seminar is divided in three parts. The first part questions the notion of dilemmas of a nuclear-armed world itself (it introduces students to nuclear weapons technologies and questions the existence of such dilemmas in contrast to the normalization of nuclear weapons in the world), the second one focuses on a series of fundamental dilemmas (the fear dilemma, the value dilemma and democracies nuclear dilemma) and the third one focuses on a set of situated dilemmas. In other words, it investigates the dilemmas created by the presence of nuclear weapons in the world from the point of view of different roles and positions in a given society: the civilian citizen, the member of the military, the nuclear scientist and engineer, the public intellectual. It builds on the extensive and ongoing research of the instructor as well as his experience of the politics of nuclear weapons with policymaking elites and civil society.

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