COURSE DETAIL

FRENCH SOCIETY AND POLITICS: FACTS, MYTHS, AND DEBATES
Country France
Host Institution UC Center, Paris
Program(s) French in Paris,Food, History, and Culture in Paris
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 112
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title FRENCH SOCIETY AND POLITICS: FACTS, MYTHS, AND DEBATES
UCEAP Transcript Title FR SOCIETY&POLITICS
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course provides a critical introduction to French society with a strong emphasis on the debates and myths regarding French national identity (republicanism, integration). The first part of the course focuses on the main models which have been developed to account for French society (the Republic, the Education system, French Citizenship), and questions them in regard to the challenges French society had to face in the 20th century (democratization, immigration, globalization, women and LGTIQ+ movements). On the political sphere, as demonstrated by the recent presidential election, French society also confronts significant challenges with the rise of fringe parties (extreme left and, above all, the Rassemblement National). Traditional political movements (trade unions and working class actions) are equally defied by the rise of new social movements (unemployed, artists, women, gays), which put new identity (gender, sexuality, and others) at the heart of definitions within French society. The course tackles the issues of French identity politics through a focus on the media, with a true concern for their historical embeddedness, as a way to convey the complexity of events and debates that characterized French society through time.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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