COURSE DETAIL

PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
Country Italy
Host Institution University of Bologna
Program(s) University of Bologna
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Philosophy
UCEAP Course Number 176
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
UCEAP Transcript Title PHIL SOC SCIENCES
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale program. The course is intended for advanced level students only. Enrollment is by consent of the instructor. The course focuses on some questions and debates that are central to the contemporary philosophy of social sciences. After a short introduction to the discipline, in which a comparison between the social sciences and the natural sciences is made, the following topics are covered: 1) the naturalism/anti-naturalism debate within the philosophy of social sciences; 2) the role of idealized models in social sciences; 3) the nature of explanation in the social sciences; 4) the value-free/laden character of social studies; 5) the objectivity question within the social sciences; and 6) the possibility of having social laws. During the course these topics are explored at length, using case-studies from different social science fields and tracing connections with those debates that address similar topics within the general philosophy of science.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
77992

Host Institution Course Title
PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (1) (LM)

Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
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LM in PHILOSOPHICAL SCIENCES

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Philosophy and Communication Studies

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