# COURSE DETAIL

| MODERN CAPITALISM AND ITS INSTITUTIONS |
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| **Country**<br>France |
| **Host Institution**<br>Sciences Po Reims |
| **Program(s)**<br>Sciences Po Reims |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Economics |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>114 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>MODERN CAPITALISM AND ITS INSTITUTIONS |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>MODERN CAPITALISM |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>4.50 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>3.00 |

**Course Description**

This course introduces a set of analytic tools and conceptual frameworks through which to assess the origins and evolution of the institutions that constitute modern capitalism. It takes an interdisciplinary political economy approach that draws insights from economics, sociology, political science, history, geography, science and technology studies, and law. The course critically assesses the rise of what Karl Polanyi and Albert O. Hirschman have referred to as "market society," a powerful conceptual framework that views the development of modern capitalism not as an outcome of deterministic economic and technological forces, but rather as the result of contingent social and political processes. The material covers various theoretical perspectives that illustrate alternative conceptions of rationality, which in turn produce competing ways of seeing and making sense of the complexities of our social world. Ultimately, the course exposes a range of critical conceptual tools and frameworks through which to interrogate the current relationship between states and markets, and to consider the extent to which social actors can challenge its limits and imagine alternative possibilities.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
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**Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**

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| **Host Institution Degree**<br>Seminar |
| **Host Institution Department** |
| **Course Last Reviewed**<br>2023-2024 |

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