COURSE DETAIL

SYNTHETIC HORIZONS

Country
France

Host Institution
Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)
Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Sociology Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number
141

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
SYNTHETIC HORIZONS

UCEAP Transcript Title
SYNTHETIC HORIZONS

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

This course examines the ambivalent role of digital technologies in our societies and interrogates the future by questioning their relevance. It considers where we come from and how the pre-web world prepared us for this new reality, notably through science fiction. Then, it discusses what is happening in our daily lives by deciphering the announced technological advances and their effects on reality; in particular, a "synthetic horizon" where the Metaverse, crypto-assets, and artificial intelligence coexist to help humanity meet the challenges ahead. Finally, it considers whether these technologies will really help and explores a horizon that seems the most desirable for all.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
BEXP 15A04

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Seminar

Host Institution Department

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