

COURSE DETAIL

EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWISHNESS: SOCIETIES AND STATE POLICIES

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 European Studies

UCEAP Course Number

138

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWISHNESS: SOCIETIES AND STATE POLICIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course provides an exploration of the relationship to Eastern European Jewishness, both secular and religious, from the end of the 18th century to the present, marked by profound social, economic, political, and cultural transformations. The complex relationship between all of them reflects on the evolutions of Jewish singularity, paradigmatic to other minorities. This interdisciplinary course introduces a modern encounter between Jews, societies, and States, both in culture and politics, including the consequences of the Holocaust and its legacy in the present. It offers a precious key to understand the diversity of contemporary debates on singular versus universal rights, traditions versus modernity, rural versus urban cultures, religiousness versus secularity and beyond that, the condition of modernity in Europe. Olga Tokarczuk's Nobel Prize-winning book, *THE BOOKS OF JACOB*, is the focus of reflective, historical, and creative work throughout this course. The creative cartographies produced are presented to and potentially commented on by the author.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DHUM 25A29

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Humanities

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