COURSE DETAIL

PUBLIC SPACE IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES: THEORIES, PRACTICES, AND DEBATES

Country
France

Host Institution
Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)
Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Urban Studies Sociology

UCEAP Course Number
152

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
PUBLIC SPACE IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES: THEORIES, PRACTICES, AND DEBATES

UCEAP Transcript Title
PUBLIC SPACE

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

This course is primarily based on a flipped-classroom approach. Students complete the theoretical readings before class; in-class time is then devoted to discussion and to learning social science research methods (ethnographic observation, semi-structured interviews, and questionnaire surveys). The course introduces the notion of public space not only from a theoretical perspective, but also through the observation of practices and behaviors in urban public spaces, including the gendered dynamics. Throughout the course, special attention is given to fieldwork conducted in student groups in a Parisian public space. Drawing on political philosophy, sociology, geography, and urban studies, the course examines the multiple meanings of public space.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
DSPO 25A55

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Seminar

Host Institution Department

Political Science

Course Last Reviewed
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