COURSE DETAIL

LEBANON: CONSOCIATIONAL POLITICS, CONFESSIONAL CLIENTELISM, AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE

Country
France

Host Institution
Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)
Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science History

UCEAP Course Number
109

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
LEBANON: CONSOCIATIONAL POLITICS, CONFESSIONAL CLIENTELISM, AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE

UCEAP Transcript Title
LEBANON POLITICS

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

At an empirical level, this course provides a solid knowledge in Lebanese history, mainly in the major violent episodes of its trajectory: the civil war (1975-1990), Israeli occupation (1982-2000), and Hezbollah's intervention in Syria (since 2013). It also presents a specific understanding of a practice of power far removed from what can be observed in Western democracies. Without being an authoritarian regime, the Lebanese political staff has always had a particular definition of ruling, a special understanding of democracy, that goes beyond the usual features shared by consociational systems everywhere else in the world (Switzerland, Belgium, Bosnia). This course is hence thought-provoking in political science, as it introduces models of ruling usually unfamiliar, models that are more frequent than typically imagined. By doing so, the course also triggers a shared reflection on theoretical concepts of political science, and a questioning of the universality of some of what Western political sociology sees as basic elementary truths and rules of the game in politics-in-practice. The course addresses Lebanese contemporary history; the notion of militancy in contexts of violence; a critical notion of foreign intervention, peacemaking, peacebuilding, state building, reconciliation, and transitional justice; and a good command of a particular case of consociational politics.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Course Details

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