COURSE DETAIL

THE CONTEMPORARY IRANIAN WORLD: COMPARATIVE POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY OF IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN SINCE 1722

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 Political Science Near East Studies

UCEAP Course Number
110

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
THE CONTEMPORARY IRANIAN WORLD: COMPARATIVE POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY OF IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN SINCE 1722

UCEAP Transcript Title
CONTEM IRANIAN WRLD

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

While questioning the relevance of the concept of the "Iranian world," this course provides fundamental knowledge in the political sociology of contemporary Iran and Afghanistan, from a comparative perspective. The course considers together the political, economic, and cultural developments of these two states over a long period, from the fall of Isfahan in 1722, under the blows of an Afghan invasion, to the fall of Kabul in 2021, via the Anglo-Persian war of Herat in 1856-1857 and the concomitant upheavals of 1978 and 1979. Methods of comparative politics are combined with those of connected history to better understand the "Iranian world" as a whole, as well as each of its two major components, highlighting their differences as much as their similarities. The comparative study of Islamic currents of thought in the two countries forms an important part of this course. This includes a focus on the Arab world, as well as the Indian subcontinent. Finally, while the course focuses on Iran and Afghanistan, it also includes Tajikistan, the only other state where Persian is the official language. The course includes a visit to the Guimet Museum.

Language(s) of Instruction
French

Host Institution Course Number
CAFF 25F19

Host Institution Course Title
LE MONDE IRANIEN CONTEMPORAIN: SOCIOLOGIE POLITIQUE COMPARÉE DE L'IRAN & AFGHANISTAN, DE 1722 A NOS JOURS

Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree Seminar
Host Institution Department International Relations
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