COURSE DETAIL

DEMOCRATIC THEORY AND DEMOCRACY IN CRISIS

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

UCEAP Course Number
105

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
DEMOCRATIC THEORY AND DEMOCRACY IN CRISIS

UCEAP Transcript Title
DEMOCRATIC THEORY

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Throughout the 20th century, the presence of the word "democracy" has become mandatory in political discourses. Politicians from the left and the right claim to speak in the name of democracy. At the same time there is a disagreement about what democracy actually is, and a feeling that democracy is in crisis or at risk. This is expressed in politics, in criticism of the model of liberal and representative democracy, in the demand for a "real" democracy, and in voting for "populist" parties. But the discussion also arises among intellectuals. In light of contemporary debate, this course introduces, develops, and critically debates some of the major theories of democracy in political thought – liberal, deliberative, radical – and the responses they offer to the current crisis of democracy.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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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

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