COURSE DETAIL

LEBANON: THE SOCIOLOGY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN A CONSOCIATIVE SYSTEM

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

UCEAP Course Number

109

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

LEBANON: THE SOCIOLOGY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN A CONSOCIATIVE SYSTEM

UCEAP Transcript Title

LEBANON: POL VIOLENC

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Empirically, this course deconstructs Lebanese political institutions and culture as they relate to collective violence. It models the latter, and draws out possible lessons that can be used to decipher other cases of turbulent consociativity. From a theoretical point of view, Lebanon provides a formidable laboratory in which to interrogate the definitions, categories and theses of classical political science. Civil war, intercommunal tensions, invasion and occupation, annexation, trusteeship and foreign intervention are all notions of political violence observed in situ in Lebanon. More broadly still, Weberian sociology of the state, Gellner's theory of the nation and theories of social movements are profoundly challenged by the Lebanese case. This course proposes a whole new approach to collective violence and to institutional and political sociology, using Lebanon as a case study.

Language(s) of Instruction

French

Host Institution Course Number

CAFF 25F39

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

International Relations