

COURSE DETAIL

THE RETURN OF POWER POLITICS

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 International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

141

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

THE RETURN OF POWER POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

RETURN OF POWER POL

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course considers and explains why and how the international system is characterized by the return of a tough competition among states. That is what we call power politics. This dynamic is reflected in the return of inter-state conflicts (Russia/Ukraine, Iran/Israel) and the risk of their spreading to other regions (Taiwan, South China Sea). The central question addressed in this course from both a conceptual and empirical perspective is why we moved within a decade from a world of economic interdependence based on the decline of interstate wars to a world where states are on the forefront of global competition including through the weaponization of economic interdependence. This course is by definition transversal and trans regional since the competition affects all regions of the world. It focuses on three types of actors: the drivers of this new competition who are setting the new rules of the game (United States and China), the contenders who have global ambitions while facing obstacles on their way (Russia, India, and the European Union) and the Hedgers who are middle income countries who are trying to leverage this new global dynamic for their own benefit (Brazil, South Africa, UAE, Indonesia, and Vietnam among others).

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ASPO 25A34

Host Institution Course Title

THE RETURN OF POWER POLITICS

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Core Seminar

Host Institution Department

Political Science

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