COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO THE SOCIOLOGY OF RADICAL LEFT PARTIES
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 121
UCEAP Course Suffix R
UCEAP Official Title INTRODUCTION TO THE SOCIOLOGY OF RADICAL LEFT PARTIES
UCEAP Transcript Title SOC/RADICAL LEFT
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course offers an in-depth exploration of the sociology of radical left parties, analyzing their historical trajectory, the evolution of their organizational strategies, and their impact on the contemporary political landscape. It examines how these often marginalized parties have managed to gain power in various socio-historical contexts, as well as the dynamics that led them to occupy dominant political positions, only to often return to more marginal roles. Throughout the different sessions, the course addresses the social, organizational, and ideological foundations of the radical left, studying their relationships with protest movements as well as with extreme and moderate left, centrist, and right-wing political parties. The course also covers the contemporary challenges faced by the radical left, including the environmental crisis and the management of national economies that are deeply integrated into international financial markets. By examining concrete examples of parties that gained power in the early 21st century in Europe and Latin America, the course considers the reasons for their rise, and, in many cases, their return to the margins of power.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

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Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department
Political Science

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