COURSE DETAIL

LITERATURE AND HISTORY IN THE 20TH CENTURY
Country France
Host Institution Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)
Program(s) Sciences Po Paris
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History Comparative Literature
UCEAP Course Number 103
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title LITERATURE AND HISTORY IN THE 20TH CENTURY
UCEAP Transcript Title LITERATURE&HIST 20C
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

The 20th century was marked by the clash of ideologies—fascism, Nazism, communism—and unprecedented violence. Its literary history, in turn, was shaped by bold formal experimentation (modernism) and the emergence of voices from regions and groups previously underrepresented. Through literature, particularly the novel, the course examines how writers grappled with this apocalyptic century. The novel, with its focus on individual experience and narrative complexity, provides a unique, non-ideological lens to engage with reality and history. It studies it through works by Dostoevsky, Conrad, Virginia Woolf, Kafka, Kundera, Garcia Marquez, Achebe and others.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
AHUM 25A18

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Core Seminar

Host Institution Department
Political Humanities

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