COURSE DETAIL

THE ARAB SPRING & BEYOND: UPRISINGS AND COUNTER-REVOLUTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

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
142

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
THE ARAB SPRING & BEYOND: UPRISINGS AND COUNTER-REVOLUTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

UCEAP Transcript Title
ARAB SPRING&BEYOND

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

In December 2010, the self-immolation of a Tunisian fruit vendor sparked the “Arab Spring,” a mighty wave of protests that toppled dictators across the Middle East and North Africa. Spearheaded by young, tech-savvy activists demanding "bread, freedom, and social justice," the uprisings sought economic opportunity, human rights and democratic reform. Fourteen years later, little is left of that hopeful agenda. New, even more ruthless leaders have emerged while autocrats cling to power, crushing dissent and erasing the memory of those revolutionary days. This course examines the counter-revolutionary trajectories that followed the Arab Spring. Through in-depth case studies of human rights violations, it explores how power was reshaped and hopes for freedom buried in MENA. Practical sessions provide hands-on experience in researching and crafting human rights reports, while developing editorial writing skills to present persuasive arguments and advocate for change.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Campus

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Host Institution Degree Seminar
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