

# COURSE DETAIL

## CONSTRUCTING THE PAST, PROJECTING THE FUTURE: TERRITORY AND TEMPORALITY IN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA

**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 Latin American Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

108

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

TERRITRY/BRAZIL&ARG

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

**Course Description**

This interdisciplinary seminar explores the temporal and territorial entanglements in Brazil and Argentina since their consolidation as nation-states in the first third of the 19th century until contemporary times. Some of the materials worked with, in addition to theoretical texts, are films, short stories, political and aesthetic manifestos, and architectural and urban projects. The course analyzes and discusses political, social, aesthetical, and literary expressions that, in a variety of ways, address and/or develop what is one of the critical issues in the discursive construction around these countries: the apparent need to narratively connect the present moment to a colonial and pre-colonial past and a future to come, not rarely using fiction as a methodology. The comparative focus on these two countries, in addition to being widely used in the Humanities in specific studies on each country, is justified by the way in which the issues to be explored in the course occur in their similarities and differences, shedding light on the constructions of time and space in what are the two most extensive countries in South America, not only individually but in relation to each other. Furthermore, the methodological and theoretical foundation developed throughout the semester helps consider temporal and spatial issues in other contexts within Latin America and, generally, the Global South. An intermediate knowledge of Latin America's political and social contexts is recommended but not mandatory.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

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**Host Institution Campus****Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

**Host Institution Department**

International Relations

**Course Last Reviewed**

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