COURSE DETAIL

POLITICS OF SCIENCE FICTION AND THE SCIENCE FICTION OF POLITICS

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
King's College London

Program(s)
King's College London

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science

UCEAP Course Number
179

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
POLITICS OF SCIENCE FICTION AND THE SCIENCE FICTION OF POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title
POLITICS & SCI FI

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

Contemporary science fiction offers a compelling means of interrogating the current challenges of global governance and political economy. As Brad Torgersen (2013) says, “much of the Science Fiction being written in the 21st century concerns itself strictly with materialistic concerns: climate change, global warming, the decay of governments and the onset of dystopian hegemony, or anarchy”. This course provides students with an exploration of the nexus between science fiction and political economy. It uses science fiction literature as a means of understanding, exploring and critiquing concepts and theories from across Political Economy, including international relations, economics and politics. Through this, students apply the knowledge gained in other courses within political economy, applying key theories and techniques of analysis in novel areas in an engaging but rigorous way. The proposed course directly relates to a growing area of cutting-edge research, namely the interplay between popular culture and politics.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
6SSPP397

Host Institution Course Title
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Host Institution Course Details
https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/the-political-economy-of-science-fi…

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Political Economy
Course Last Reviewed 2024-2025

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