

# 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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<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**

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