

COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

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

117

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

COMPARATIVE POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

COMP POLITICAL PSY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

The majority of lectures in political psychology focus on the American context. This course thinks outside the box and shifts attention to the intersection of politics and psychology in a comparative manner, while still keeping the U.S. case in mind. The course begins by reviewing the foundations of political psychology and then explores the current state of the field. Next, it delves into how individuals make decisions, the mechanisms used in information processing, the importance of both "cold" and "hot" cognition in forming political behavior, and the role of groups and identities in shaping political opinions. Lastly, the course concludes by examining the relationships between groups and exploring why polarization is becoming increasingly prevalent in present-day politics.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DSPO 25A69

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Political Science

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