COURSE DETAIL

THE MAKING OF CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT
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 137
UCEAP Course Suffix C
UCEAP Official Title THE MAKING OF CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT
UCEAP Transcript Title CONTEMP POL THOUGHT
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course introduces and presents the authors and founding texts of contemporary thought; the latest works in social and political sciences, whether by philosophers, essayists, scientists, or today's key players: political decision-makers, tech innovators, and ideologists working behind the scenes to influence the world of tomorrow. All are pioneers of the most hotly debated theories. Our era is one of great ideological conflict. Antagonistic conceptions of what the future of our societies will or could look like are clashing. Each class session is an opportunity to address these disruptive ideas, which largely break down traditional categories. Four major themes bring together the most recent analyses and doctrines: new practices of power, ecological reflections that pit ideas of progress against those of degrowth in unprecedented terms, artificial intelligence as a threat or an opportunity for our societies, and finally, the questioning of traditional economic models that have always been taken for granted. A journey through the works of Peter Thiel, founder of PayPal and inspirer of Trumpism, to those of Giuliano da Empoli, the thinker behind the “new predators.” It is also be an opportunity to compare the ecological thinking of Jean-Marc Jancovici's Shift Project with Naomi Klein's radical ideas.

Language(s) of Instruction
French

Host Institution Course Number
CHUM 25F60

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