

# 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**

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**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

### **Host Institution Course Title**

FABRIQUE DE LA PENSÉE POLITIQUE CONTEMPORAINE

### **Host Institution Course Details**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

**Host Institution Department**

Humanities

**Course Last Reviewed**

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