

COURSE DETAIL

DEMOCRACY: REPRESENTATIVE CRISIS AND DELIBERATIVE INNOVATIONS

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

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UCEAP Official Title

DEMOCRACY: REPRESENTATIVE CRISIS AND DELIBERATIVE INNOVATIONS

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This interdisciplinary course is divided into two parts. The first part explores the history, theories, and realities of democracy. If, from Ancient Athens to the Modern Revolutions, democracy was associated with direct self-rule, the invention of the representative government puts elections at the core of politics. The theory of representation is complex, and its concrete practices are plagued by crisis: elitism, corruption, and backsliding. The second part of the course analyzes, from a comparative perspective, the role of democratic innovations in renewing democracy and shaping public policy. It focuses on five types: referendum, participatory budgeting, e-democracy, collaborative governance, and deliberative mini-publics.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DHUM 25A45

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Seminar

Host Institution Department

Humanities

Course Last Reviewed

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