

# COURSE DETAIL

## SOCIOLOGY OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

**Country**

France

**Host Institution**

University of Lyon 2

**Program(s)**

University of Lyon

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology

**UCEAP Course Number**

105

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

COLLECTIVE ACTION

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## **Course Description**

This course introduces the main perspectives offered by sociology on collective action, or action by several people, with the related concepts of social movements, social conflicts, social groups, and social classes. The course divides sociological literature on collective action according to the authors and major trends in this field. Classical thinkers, both well-known (Marx and Weber) and lesser-known (Simmel, Michels, and Tarde), are first presented and then explored in greater depth. Next, a series of contemporary trends and authors are examined. Two recent French cases are also discussed: the competition between two types of divisions in the representation of French society in a process of extreme right-wing shift beginning in the 1980s, and the “yellow vest” movement (2018-2019). The conclusion opens up two contemporary debates: the question of intersectionality, and the differences between the sociology of collective action and conspiracy theories.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

French

## **Host Institution Course Number**

CF 4A

## **Host Institution Course Title**

SOCIOLOGIE DE L'ACTION COLLECTIVE

## **Host Institution Course Details**

## **Host Institution Campus**

Sciences Po Lyon

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Sciences Po Lyon

**Course Last Reviewed**

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