

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES IN WESTERN COUNTRIES AND THEIR POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

110

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES IN WESTERN COUNTRIES AND THEIR
POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOC-ECON INEQUAL/W

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course examines contemporary trends in socio-economic inequalities across Western countries and explores their political implications. It analyzes inequalities in social mobility, income, and wealth; poverty and labor market integration, urban segregation, as well as health inequalities. Particular attention is given to the mediating role of educational systems, labor market institutions, and welfare states. The course contrasts institutionalist approaches to inequality with structural explanations that emphasize the impact of globalization and technological change. Finally, it discusses how these empirical patterns relate to evolving political attitudes and preferences, including the decline of traditional class voting and the rise of populist parties.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DSOC 25A03

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Host Institution Campus**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Sociology

Course Last Reviewed

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