

COURSE DETAIL

THE POLITICS OF VISIBILITY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

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

149

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

THE POLITICS OF VISIBILITY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLITICS VISIBILITY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Visibility is commonly thought to be a positive attribute that plays a crucial role in influencing public opinion, prompting social change, and advancing individual and collective goals. But is this true, and how is visibility actually practiced? This course explores visibility as a meaningful social dimension of everyday life. Situated at the intersection of social theory, political science, organization studies, and urban research, it engages with key debates around visibility, including its relationship to recognition, stigma, power, surveillance, and socio-spatial politics in urban settings. The course discusses how visibility is practiced by individuals, groups, and organizations, and interrogates its implications across diverse contexts, with reference to discriminated minorities, the gig-economy and totalitarian regimes. The course equips students with foundational knowledge in the emerging field of visibility studies and introduces the “visibility lens” as a critical tool for analyzing contemporary debates and everyday phenomena.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DSPO 25A84

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Political Science

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