

COURSE DETAIL

EMERGENCY POLITICS

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

142

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

EMERGENCY POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

EMERGENCY POLITICS

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

From the 9/11 attacks to the COVID-19 pandemic, the “politics of emergency” have moved from the periphery to the center of governance. This course examines how the state of exception, no longer a rare response to crisis, became a recurring technique used to justify extraordinary measures, expand executive authority, and suspend normal legal and democratic processes. It examines how this logic operates across regimes, from liberal democracies to authoritarian states, and investigate its contrasting applications to current issues such as climate change or migration. Drawing upon political theories and comparative case studies, the course explores how emergency politics fundamentally transform political practice and challenge democratic norms.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DSPO 25A88

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Political Science

Course Last Reviewed

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