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Géographie politique (2GG1027)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Bachelor en biologie et ethnologie	Cours: 4 ph	Voir ci-dessous	6
Pilier B A - géographie	Cours: 4 ph	Voir ci-dessous	6
Pilier principal B A - géographie	Cours: 4 ph	Voir ci-dessous	6
Pilier secondaire B A - géographie	Cours: 4 ph	Voir ci-dessous	6

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante

Suncana Laketa, Simon Noori, l'assistante Laura Innocenti

Contenu

Objectifs:

Students review key concepts and strands of thought within political geography. Students examine issues and manifestations of power from a geographical perspective.

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In recent years we have witnessed profound political changes throughout the world. These changes range from the upsurge of market liberalization, the rising authoritarianism in many places, and the dramatic shifts in governing public health during the pandemic, to the many wars and violent conflicts that mark the contemporary world. At the same time, there are also profound political mobilizations occurring across different communities and growing social movements to collectively organize to contest the multiple inequalities as well as the dangers and threats to ourselves and our planet. Amid these political struggles around us, this lecture draws attention to the relationship between space and power as central for understanding contemporary politics. It gives an overview of the strands of thought of political geography with the overall goal to show why and how geography matters in understanding political processes.

The course employs a broad definition of politics that includes both formal institutions, organizations and processes of states and governments, as well as informal practices and cultural and social realms that are not conventionally considered as a form of politics. In order to address the relations between space, power, and politics, the course will focus on some of the main topics of today's politics (violence and conflicts, migration and borders, feminism and other social movements, environmental justice and the climate crisis, etc.) with lectures structured along key political geographic concepts. The course is, thus, not a conventional overview of an academic sub-discipline but rather seeks to elaborate on how the debates within political geography are central in understanding the politics of our time.

Main language of lectures is English.

Forme de l'évaluation

In order to complete the requirements of this class, you need to pass a written exam (duration 2h) at the end of the semester. The language of the exam is French. The exam consists of 6 questions that concern the lectures given in class, and the texts that accompany the lectures. The responses to the questions are given within a limited space. During the written exam students are not allowed to consult their notes or other documents

In the event of failure, a make-up exam (the same principle, duration 2h) will be given at the next exam session (rattrapage).

Documentation

Ouvrages de référence

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Smith, Sara (2020). Political geography: A critical introduction. John Wiley & Sons.

Cox, Kevin R. ; Low, Murray ; Robinson, Jennifer (dir.) (2008) The SAGE Handbook of Political Geography, Sage Publications, London

Forme de l'enseignement

Cours

Objectifs d'apprentissage

Au terme de la formation l'étudiant-e doit être capable de :

- Examine key concepts and currents in political geography
- Review reading material and research findings
- Employ the concepts presented in the course to analyse current issues
- Analyse political conflicts through a geographical lens

Compétences transférables

- Demonstrate intellectual curiosity
- Develop a critical analysis
- Apply knowledge to concrete situations
- Present a well-founded critical analysis