

Social sciences and methods : Political Sciences

**ECTS** : 2

**Volume horaire** : 18

**Description du contenu de l'enseignement :**

I. Revisiting Classical Theory "The devils Playground" (Durkheim) I. Revisiting Classical Theory, Marx Weber and Dubois II. World Migration II. Migration Theory III. Organisational ecology IV. Research Design V. Robert Merton: Social Structure and Anomie VI Durkheim Egoistic Suicide VII Hedstrom & Swedberg on Social Mechanisms VIII Granovetter on Embeddedness IX Schelling on segregation X Raymond Boudon, Beyond Rational Choice Theory

**Compétence à acquérir :**

The course is designed to probe deeper into the sociological study of society. Sociology focuses on the systematic understanding of social interaction, social organization, social institutions, and social change. Major themes in sociological thinking include the interplay between the individual and society, how society is both stable and changing, the causes and consequences of social inequality, and the social construction of human life. Understanding sociology helps discover and explain social patterns and see how such patterns change over time and in different settings. By making vivid the social basis of everyday life, sociology also develops critical thinking by revealing the social structures and processes that shape diverse forms of human life. Particular emphasis in this second course in sociology is on decision making processes and how interaction and interaction patterns shape our preferences when making decisions.

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