

COURSE SYLLABUS

Title: History of French Politics, Third, Fourth and Fifth Republics

Professor: Françoise Taliano-des Garets

Credits: 4

Language of instruction: English

Course objectives : Develop knowledge on French political history since 1870 to our days

Course description:

Exploring French political history since 1870, this course presents the history of the French republican system during the Third, Fourth and Fifth Republics. It explains how this political regime gradually stabilized and became synonymous with democracy. The different lectures focus on the successive constitutions and their application, while also enabling students to discover the main political figures of the period -- the presidents and the political leaders for instance-- and to understand the great moments of crises as well as of progress. The course also focuses on France during the two World wars and the colonial crisis, underlining the effects of these events on the different governments,

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Evaluation: Two questions from the course

Available on moodle: no