Course Title: France in a Time of War: Understanding the Paris Terrorist Attacks and Their Aftermath
Course Code: POL 183
Instructor: Cécile Alduy

Course Summary:
POL 183 is a lecture- and discussion-based course on the terrorist attacks that ravaged France in 2015. The goal is to provide the adequate concepts and historical background to understand these events, their causes, and their consequences in a larger social, cultural, and political framework. Students will learn about key political concepts as they apply specifically to French society (laïcité, universalism, national identity, freedom of speech) and practice in-depth analysis and critique of discourses, myths, and visual representations (news footage, cartoons, propaganda videos) of events and people.

Lectures will be followed by a one-hour discussion.

Please see course page for full description and additional details.

Grade Options and Requirements:
• No Grade Requested (NGR)
  ○ This is the default option. No work will be required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided.

• Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)
  ○ Score will be determined by student attendance and participation.

• Letter Grade (A, B, C, D, No Pass)
  ○ All assignments will be graded on a completed / not completed basis.
    ▪ Attendance 30%
    ▪ Final essay (2 page) 40%
    ▪ Participation in weekly discussion 20%

Please Note: If you require proof that you completed a Continuing Studies course for any reason (for example, employer reimbursement), you must choose either the Letter Grade or Credit/No Credit option. Courses taken for NGR will not appear on official transcripts or grade reports.

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Tentative Weekly Outline:

Week 1: July 13
Introduction: Facts, Narratives, Interpretations
Jan. 7-9, 2015: Three Days That Changed France
   Charlie Hebdo, A Satirical Weekly on the Verge of Extinction
   Anti-Semitism in France: The New and the Old
   “Islamophobia,” polemical concept, hard facts

Week 2: July 20
The March of January 11, 2015: Who is “Charlie”?
   “Je Suis Charlie”: Social Media and Global Empathy
   Narratives of National Unity
   Consensus and Outcasts

Week 3: July 27
French-Born Terrorists: Immigration, Discrimination, Alienation
   Immigration from the Former Colonies and Its Discontent
   Laïcité and religious minorities
   Profiles of 2012-2015, French-born terrorists

Week 4: August 3
Islam in the West: The Third Generation of Jihad
   Islam in France: history, trends, stats
   The Re-Islamization of the second generation
   Radical Islam or Islamization of radicality?

Week 5: August 10
Aftermaths: Political and Institutional Changes
   Public Opinion after Jan. 7 and Nov. 13, 2015: From anger to hatred?
   Political Outcomes: The rise of the National Front
   Policies and Institutions: Democracy in a state of war

The default grade option for this course is No Grade Requested (NGR). No work is required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided. (Not suitable for those requiring proof of attendance/completion.)

For a Letter Grade: Print and bring your final paper (2 pages).