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Teacher(s) :	Herman Jacques ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	Theories of power, models of rationality, the issue of public choices, the theory of risk and uncertainty, games theory, the ethics and psychology of decision-making, and theories of democracy.
Aims :	<p>The course exposes the various problems linked to the control of political action and political decision making. It uses macro and micro analysis from interdisciplinary points of view. It aims at providing formal, conceptual and critical tools resulting from contemporary research in order to train political analysts and decision makers at the various levels of public and private political agencies.</p> <p><i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i></p>
Content :	<p><b>Content</b>                  Introduction: power, decision and conflict. Theories rationality: pure, limited, adaptive, instrumental, procedural, cognitive, axiological. Decision under uncertainty. Simple decision in state of ignorance. Rational decision's criteria. Levels of decision: individual, collective, systemic. Evolution and behavior. Decisional flow: compromise, consensus, leadership, power, vote. Game theory. General standards. Problems of equilibrium and communication. Symmetrical games. Interdependence of utility functions. Epistemological challenges of game theory. Contextualisation of game theory in international relations. Empirical use of the game theory: some examples. Praxiology, ethics and axiology of decision. Intentions and preferences. Hedonism, heroism, perfectionism. Some traditional doctrines. Theories of democracy. Democratic values. Theory of voting. Democracy and rationalities. Public choice theory. Public and private goods. Social mechanisms of public policies choice.</p> <p><b>Method</b>                  The lectures combines theoretical explanations, practical applications and methodological exercises useful for the understanding of political decision making.</p>
Other infos :	The course includes syllabus, lectures and readings. The written exam takes the form of open questions.
Cycle and year of study :	<a href="#">&gt; Master [60] in Political Sciences: General</a> <a href="#">&gt; Master [120] in Public Administration</a> <a href="#">&gt; Master [120] in Political Sciences: General</a>
Faculty or entity in charge:	PSAD