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BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

This summer school will examine critically the ways in which social sciences and biology have been historically bound up, from the early 1900s until today. Social and political theories have exerted their influence on the knowledge produced in biology, while the social sciences have built their understanding of human societies by drawing on what biology could tell them about human nature. The course will examine the entangled history of these disciplines and scrutinize how scientific boundaries are drawn and maintained, and how knowledge travels across them. We will evaluate what history can teach us about these exchanges and discuss about possible joint work between social and biological scientists in the future.

Key topics of the course will include: histories of eugenics, hereditary theories and their social implications, the nature/nurture divide, uses of history in genetics and vice versa, the relationship between social science and evolutionary theory, science of development and heredity in the public domain and in policy.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 14, 2018

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