An intensive introduction to the thought of René Descartes (1596-1650), the founder of modern philosophy, this program will take place in Paris and Lyon (at the École normale supérieure – one of France’s top schools). Participants will read closely two of Descartes’ chief works – the Meditations on First Philosophy and the Principles of Philosophy – as well as selections from his other works and correspondence.

The program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students and is equivalent to a regular, semester-long course (3 credits). The program will be taught by Yitzhak Melamed (Johns Hopkins) and feature guest lectures by leading Descartes scholars. It will include a visit to the Sorbonne and other areas of Paris associated with Descartes’ biography.

The program is organized in collaboration with Mogens Laerke (CNRS) and the Institut d’histoire des représentations et des idées dans les modernités (IHRIM, UMR 5317) at the ENS de Lyon.

**Application Deadline:**
March 1

**Dates:**
May 31-June 15 2016

**Fees:** $4,800

**Credits:**
3 (H credit)

**Eligibility:**
3.0 GPA

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