COURSE DETAIL

MODERNISM AND POSTMODERNISM IN EUROPEAN HISTORY OF IDEAS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Country
Sweden

Host Institution
Lund University

Program(s)
Lund University

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Philosophy History European Studies

UCEAP Course Number
102

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
MODERNISM AND POSTMODERNISM IN EUROPEAN HISTORY OF IDEAS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

UCEAP Transcript Title
MODERN&POSTMODRNISM

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description
Modernism and postmodernism are well-known concepts characterizing the period from 1789 to the present. Modernism includes the ideas behind empirical sciences, anti-idealistic philosophy, liberal democracy, secularism, and belief in reason that has emerged since the Enlightenment. Conventionally, modernism and postmodernism are separated into scientific and artistic enterprises. This course focuses on the cognitive links between what Foucault called the “human sciences” and aesthetic modernism in the arts including literary criticism. In the dynamic culture of modernism, a move towards greater subjectivity was a common feature, however in the human sciences it was modified by a devotion to rationality and scientific progress. In its first phase, postmodernism opposed modernism and regarded self and culture as linguistic constructs. Currently a move towards universalism, tradition, and religion is articulated among thinkers such as Giorgio Agamben and Slavoj i ek. The course views modernism and postmodernism primarily as modes of thinking that affirm the power of human beings to create, improve, and remake their environment with the aid of scientific knowledge, technology, and art and thus reshape the world. These modes of thinking and the ideas that constitute them are presented in a historical context.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SASH87

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

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