

COURSE DETAIL

SELECTED READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE AND SOCIETY IN TAIWAN

Country

Taiwan

Host Institution

National Taiwan University

Program(s)

National Taiwan University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Asian Studies

UCEAP Course Number

112

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

TAIWAN CULTURE&SOC

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

As a democratized, globalized and multi-ethnic society, contemporary Taiwan is rich in cultural diversity. Not only is Taiwan often influenced by international trends, but its domestic environment provides a fertile ground for social innovations; as a result, Taiwan's cultural landscape is undergoing a process of permanent revolution. Multiculturalism is not a proclaimed future goal ahead of us, but is taking place in our daily life. This course follows Raymond Williams in viewing culture "not only as a body of intellectual and imaginative work; it is also and essentially a whole way of life." In other words, culture should not be taken narrowly as a prized property monopolized by an elite group of people, but various ways of acting and thinking embraced by different groups. A survey on contemporary Taiwan's cultures necessarily sensitizes us to the complicated nature of social groupings. Differences in ethnicity, class, gender, region, age, sexual orientation, religious belief, and life-style give rise to highly diversified cultural expressions, among which contention and cooperation co-exist.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SOC5004

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Host Institution Department

Sociology

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