COURSE DETAIL

THE WORLDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

126

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

THE WORLDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

UCEAP Transcript Title

INDIAN OCEAN

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course offers an overview of the history of the Indian Ocean from ancient times until the 21st century, with particular emphasis on the role of Islam and Muslim traders in the making of Indian Ocean worlds, the era following European intervention in the region in the 16th century, and the reconfiguration of oceanic space since 1945. The course examines the constitution, adaptation, and reconfiguration of the region's extensive maritime networks. How and why did people move across the ocean? What technological, political, economic, or environmental conditions enabled this long-distance travel? What goods were being transported? How did interaction and exchange shape societies on the Indian Ocean littoral? What was the balance between conflict and accommodation in this interaction? What did it feel like to be a sailor, a pirate, a merchant, a pilgrim, an envoy, a migrant, or a slave on an Indian Ocean? By reflecting upon these questions, this course emphasizes the Indian Ocean's importance in history, while also introducing students to a different way of approaching world history.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

5AAH1072

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Host Institution Campus

King's College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History, Arts&Humanities

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