

COURSE DETAIL

RACE AND THE DESIRE FOR DIFFERENCE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of London, Queen Mary

Program(s)

University of London, Queen Mary

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

135

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

RACE AND THE DESIRE FOR DIFFERENCE

UCEAP Transcript Title

RACE DES DIFFERENCE

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Race is not a biological fact. It is a social category historically made. In 1963 James Baldwin affirmed: 'I am not a negro. I am a man. But if you think I am a negro, it means you need it. And the question you must ask yourself is, why?' This course explores how race emerged and developed in history as a powerful category for differentiating peoples. We will begin by looking at how human differences were understood in medieval Europe and how the scientific category of 'race' emerged. The course ranges over different geographic territory with examples from Britain and Europe, South Asia, Africa, and America. We will examine the connections between race, religion, sex, gender, class, and migration. While the course will look at how the idea of race has been used to separate people, we will also examine how people throughout history have defied and challenged the categories of racial difference in their daily life and in social and cultural movements.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HST4605

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Queen Mary

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

School of History

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