

## COURSE DETAIL

### POSTCOLONIALISM AND COSMOPOLITANISM

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University

**Program(s)**

Utrecht University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

English Comparative Literature

**UCEAP Course Number**

116

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

POSTCOLONIALISM AND COSMOPOLITANISM

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

POSTCOLONIAL&COSMO

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course offers a study of literary depictions of subjectivity that have been developed in the past four decades in the fields of postcolonial theory and cosmopolitanism. Both postcolonialism and contemporary cosmopolitanism are responses to essentialist and colonial ideas of the subject. The course discusses how cosmopolitanism has been revised and rethought from a postcolonial perspective, often also defined as cosmopolitanism from below or vernacular cosmopolitanism. The course explores theoretical debates and contestations around the concepts of cosmopolitanism and postcolonialism, and analyzes how these mediate and impact our reading of literary texts, particularly the depiction of selfhood in these texts, from a comparative perspective. Colonial as well as postcolonial literary innovation and hybridity is analyzed. The course addresses texts in the integral context of world literature. The course requires that students have previous experience in writing academically about literary texts as a prerequisite.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

LI3V14103

## Host Institution Course Title

POSTCOLONIALISM AND COSMOPOLITANISM

## Host Institution Campus

Humanities

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Languages, Literature and Communication

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