

COURSE DETAIL

CHILDHOOD, YOUTH, AND YOUTH CULTURE AROUND 1900

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History German

UCEAP Course Number

114

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CHILDHOOD, YOUTH, AND YOUTH CULTURE AROUND 1900

UCEAP Transcript Title

YOUTH CULTURE 1900

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

In the nineteenth century, the topic of childhood reached an unprecedented and lasting prominence. At the beginning of the twentieth century, the focus shifted to include adolescence. Although the perception of childhood and youth as distinct and important phases in one's life had influenced philosophical and pedagogic discourses long before, it now increasingly attracted great attention in society, politics, and culture. Views on youth inspired the arts and the emerging consumer society. The turn of the century saw a boom in toys, fashion, books, magazines and leisure pursuits for children and adolescents as well as in youth organizations. In urban surroundings, forms of youth culture emerged as a subculture. At the same time, concerns about rebellious youth and growing fears of juvenile delinquency or youth-related political extremism fueled political and public discourses. This course combines aspects of social and cultural history and takes a closer look at exemplary phenomena of childhood and youth around 1900 in a European context. The course traces the impact of industrialization, urbanization, and democratization on growing up and coming of age. The course analyzes the living conditions and experiences of everyday life of children, teenagers, and young adults from different social backgrounds. Students investigate the interrelation of youth and popular culture, discuss conflicting views on adolescence that were published in the early twentieth century, and take a closer look at examples of youth culture.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

16882

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Host Institution Campus

PHILOSOPHIE UND GEISTESWISSENSCHAFTEN

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Host Institution Degree

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Deutsche Philologie

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