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

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