

COURSE DETAIL

CONCEPTS OF CHILDHOOD

Country

Host Institution

Program(s)

University of Melbourne

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Education

UCEAP Course Number

114

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

CONCEPTS OF CHILDHOOD

UCEAP Transcript Title

CHILDHOOD

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The last decade of the 20th century witnessed an expanding body of research on the changing concepts of childhood, drawing from various disciplines, including history, philosophy, education, the arts, literature, law, and medicine. This course examines the questions raised by this continuing body of research and relates them to current understandings of childhood and recent changes in policies regarding children in diverse local and international contexts. Topics include the Aries thesis, tabula rasa views of children, the developmental model of childhood, childhood innocence and responsibility, the Confucian child, the child as sexual being, the child as a spiritual being, the child as consumer, and the postmodern child as an active agent in the construction of his or her own identity. The course focuses on the different types of evidence used to substantiate claims about the nature of childhood, such as paintings, children's clothing, literature for and about children, educational institutions for children and research about children and childhood. The course examines The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child as a starting point for broad investigations into the changing nature of childhood and the universality of children's rights.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

EDUC20064

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

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