COURSE DETAIL

WHERE MACK THE KNIFE MEETS MOTHER COURAGE: BERTOLT BRECHT'S BERLIN YEARS

Country
Germany

Host Institution
Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)
Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History German

UCEAP Course Number
161

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
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UCEAP Transcript Title
BRECHT BERLIN YEARS

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description
Ranked as one of the most popular German authors and playwrights of the twentieth century, Bertolt Brecht (1898-1956) became globally known even in life, and his texts, artistic ideas, and experiments have been around ever since. In Berlin, he witnessed the turbulent times of the Weimar Republic before fleeing the National Socialists in 1933, and it was here that he saw the founding of the German Democratic Republic after returning from exile in 1948. The socio-political incidents and developments of these years strongly influenced his life and work, which in turn allow us to relive the history and culture of Germany in general and Berlin in particular. Focusing mainly on Brecht's poetry (i.e. MANUAL OF PIETY, SVENDBORG POEMS, BUCKOW ELEGIES) and stage plays (i.e. THE THREEPENNY OPERA, MOTHER COURAGE AND HER CHILDREN) while also consulting autobiographical and theoretical writings, the bilingual seminar traces possible connections between art, society, and politics and discusses aspects like artistic purpose and responsibility and political censorship. The course includes a visit to the Berlin Ensemble and Brecht's former residence in midtown (with museum and archive) as well as a theatre performance as part of the course.

Language(s) of Instruction

Host Institution Course Number
2181310

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Host Institution Course Details

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