COURSE DETAIL

THE CLIMATE CRISIS: HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS
Country Denmark
Host Institution Aarhus University
Program(s) Aarhus University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 116
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE CLIMATE CRISIS: HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS
UCEAP Transcript Title CLIMATE CRISIS
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description

This course provides the analytical tools required to connect and address the historical, philosophical, and political dimensions in the climate crisis. The first part of the course explores the development of the idea of humans as global agents; an idea which has culminated in the notion of “The Anthropocene,” the geological epoch that ends the Holocene. It examines the conceptual and technological conditions that have enabled us to think in terms of a global climate crisis and the ways in which this history continues to shape how we think about solutions and futures in a world of climate change. Part of this is also to reconsider the relations between the human and the natural sciences in a situation in which the nature-culture distinction may have lost its meaning. The course then encourages an adjustment of human self-understanding in light of the proclamation of our time as the Anthropocene, raising ontological as well as ethical issues, which burst the time frames as well as our understanding of responsibility for climate change as we know it. It examines the consequences of the collapse of the nature-culture distinction and the distinction between earth history and world history, and explores alternative conceptual models of framing our current situation. The final part of the course develops further the political and ethical implications of the climate crisis. It discusses the relationship between the global climate crisis and economic inequality and investigates the political dimensions (is the future of the planet a form of world government – a climate leviathan?) and the ethical dilemmas (what are the responsibilities of individuals, between societies and across generations?).

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
Aarhus

Host Institution Faculty
Arts

Host Institution Degree
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Host Institution Department
Department of Culture and Society

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