COURSE DETAIL

RACISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM IN WESTERN HISTORY
Country Czech Republic
Host Institution CIEE, Prague
Program(s) Central European Studies
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 116
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title RACISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM IN WESTERN HISTORY
UCEAP Transcript Title RACISM&ANTI-SEMITSM
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course explores the historical development of racial prejudice and antisemitism, from their roots in the classical and mediaeval worlds to the rise of National Socialism in the early 20th century. It analyses the way religious, cultural, linguistic, and physical/biological forms of exclusion have overlapped and reinforced each other. It is one of the principal contentions of this course that National Socialism's exterminatory antisemitism is not merely a product of centuries of anti-Jewish prejudice; rather, racial antisemitism must be understood as something which evolved in close symbiosis with racial prejudices directed against Indigenous Peoples, Africans (slave and free), and colonial peoples from the early modern period onward, culminating in the historically particular form of exterminatory racial antisemitism which formed the necessary precondition of the Holocaust. A focus of the course is the rise of exclusionary racial, anti-Semitic, and nationalist discourses in Central Europe from the middle of the 19th century until the Final Solution. Throughout, the course analyzes disparate and contradictory perspectives on the history of racism using primary sources as well as theoretical conceptualizations. It critically examines divergent conclusions and, through a focused, discriminatory, and judicial critique of these sources, produces evidence to creatively integrate these divergences into something which reflects the student's unique perspective.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HIST 4001 PRAG

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
CIEE Prague

Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department History, Philosophy, Religion
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