COURSE DETAIL

CRITICAL APPROACHES TO BUDDHISM: POLITICS, ETHICS, PSYCHOLOGY

Country
France

Host Institution
Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)
Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Religious Studies Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number
128

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
CRITICAL APPROACHES TO BUDDHISM: POLITICS, ETHICS, PSYCHOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title
CRTCL APPR BUDDHISM

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course provides a critical introduction to Buddhism and interrogates the origins and transhistorical resonances of Buddhist thought, practice, and praxis. It examines the possibility of the Buddhist turn in critical theory, one which must be irreverent and far reaching in its approach, and engages with a polyphony of voices ranging from lamas and practitioners to psychoanalysts and philosophers. The course explores whether Buddhism can function as a comprehensive framework for rethinking philosophy, politics, psychology, and the aesthetic in our current moment. It rethinks debates concerning what Buddhism really is (religion, psychology, empiricism, spirituality, tools for living, etc.) and explores how Buddhism problematizes commonplace understandings of belief and reason, mind and body, idealism and materialism, immanence and transcendence, ontology and anti-foundationalism, dream and reality, desire and gratification, and pain and pleasure. The radical Buddha is rediscovered as both a person and allegorical nexus for rethinking the condition of the world and the condition of being in the world.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
DHUM 25A22

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Seminar

Host Institution Department
Humanities

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