

COURSE DETAIL

VISUAL SOCIOLOGY

Country

Denmark

Host Institution

University of Copenhagen

Program(s)

University of Copenhagen

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

143

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

VISUAL SOCIOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

VISUAL SOCIOLOGY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course introduces students to methods and empirical approaches to the study of visual sociology drawing on interdisciplinary theories and methods in visual and cultural studies, media and digital communication, narrative, gender studies, and discourse analysis. This course critically investigates how images are constructed and spread in digital publics and news media, among policy makers and in globalized arenas of politics, policymaking, and protest. Visual images have been studied by media theorists, art historians and by empirical analysts of gender, culture, media, political discourse and postcolonial studies. Only lately have sociologists started to conduct visual analysis. The course traces how journalists, bloggers, or non-profit organizations as well as critical writers and theorists try to challenge dominant images and visual representations, and investigates how cultural codes, familiar stories and specific stereotypes shape the boundaries of democracy and public participation. This course is empirical, and it requires students to hold in-class presentations and written assignments throughout the semester and conduct their own empirical Portfolio paper analysis guided by interdisciplinary theories and methods for visual analysis. Students learn to analyze visuals using a variety of different methods including ethnography for the study of face-to-face publics, and comparative analysis to study digital media and (trans-)national public spaces.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ASOA15081U

Host Institution Course Title

VISUAL SOCIOLOGY

Host Institution Campus

Social Sciences

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sociology

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