

COURSE DETAIL

DECOLONIZING ANTHROPOLOGY

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University - University College Utrecht

Program(s)

University College Utrecht

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

103

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

DECOLONIZING ANTHROPOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

DECOLONIZING ANTH

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

In this course students are introduced to the richness, diversity, and potentials of anthropology in the world today. Since its inception, anthropological practice has been dominated by the so-called Great Traditions (mostly Anglo-American). However, processes of decolonization, globalization, and trans nationalism, along with critical interrogation of dominant discourses, have led to greater visibility of peripheral or marginalized scholarship. The decolonization of the discipline has resulted in a critical and sometimes radical focus on cultures being studied, and to serious challenges posed to the politics of knowledge production in anthropology. In the social sciences today—and in anthropology specifically—who has the authority to construct theories? Who can speak to whom, and about what? Who determines which anthropological insights become part of mainstream social science and anthropology, and what is this based on? Do the classical anthropological themes (e.g., religion, politics, nation-building, ethnicity) still hold? This course engages with questions regarding anthropology as a developing global discipline and the themes and theories it engages with. By reading contributions from leading anthropologists from different countries and anthropological traditions, this course gives voice to scholars outside the Global North. It shows the variety of methodologies, training, and approaches within the scholarly tradition of anthropology. The class focuses on various aspects of anthropological study: urban anthropology; the anthropology of global connections, focusing on politics and political economy; race and racism; and questions related to gender and sexuality. The course also focuses on the ways in which Euro-America has become the object of study for anthropologists, both from the Global South and the Global North. Students read (parts of) ethnographies of non-Western scholars regarding these issues produced in and thought from locations beyond the Anglo-American dominated Great Tradition.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

UCSSCANT26

Host Institution Course Title

DECOLONIZING ANTHROPOLOGY

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Social Science

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Anthropology

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