

COURSE DETAIL

FOOD, IDENTITY & CITIZENSHIP: A MEDITERRANEAN PERSPECTIVE

Country

Italy

Host Institution

UC Center, Sicily (Multi-Site)

Program(s)

Sustainable Food Systems in the Mediterranean

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Political Science Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

131

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

7.50

UCEAP Semester Units

5.00

Course Description

This course delves into 20th- and 21st-century nationalism, trans-national exchanges, and identity formation in the Mediterranean, examining the unique foodways of Florence, Syracuse, and Istanbul. Exploring the roots of 19th-century nation-state formation and the subsequent emergence of nationalist propaganda and authoritarian ideologies in 20th-century Italy and Turkey, the course analyzes post-WWII economic development and the societal impacts of agricultural modernization and food industrialization. It critically evaluates the role of Neoliberalism in reshaping ethnic and national identities. The course explores the central role of food, food practices, and public food policies in nation-building projects. Additionally, the course investigates the rescaling of national economies and identities in the Mediterranean region. Through a critical lens, the course examines the intersections between the local/national and the global, exploring the new relations, tensions, and conflicts that emerge. Topics of inquiry encompass contemporary ethnic politics, migration, the rise of new forms of racism and religious tensions, 20th-century modernization, evolving habits of mass consumption, and the effects of globalization on food systems. Special attention is given to the intricate dynamics of internal and international migration flows in the Mediterranean, particularly from Africa and the Middle East.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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