COURSE DETAIL

THE HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY/THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF HISTORY
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution University of Bristol
Program(s) University of Bristol
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 151
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY/THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF HISTORY
UCEAP Transcript Title HIST OF PHOTOGRAPHY
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description
In their search for historical evidence, researchers may find individual photographs that have some bearing on their work. Sometimes the photographic image itself is the primary evidence of the event under investigation. This course examines two issues regarding the use that historians might make of photographs. The first is that the production and meaning of photographs is intimately related to the period technology that was available to produce them and claims about such images should be made with a full understanding of the possibilities and restrictions affecting the photographer's work. The second is that meanings that were and can be attributed to photographs are also culturally conditioned and the subtleties of the relationship between historical interpretations and contemporary appropriation require careful consideration. These two questions are explored through a number of iconic images, including the raising of the US flag on Iwo Jima in WWII, the Black power salutes of medal-winning athletes in the 1968 Olympic games, through to the more mundane collections of images of everyday events found in virtually every family archive.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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University of Bristol

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Department of History

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