COURSE DETAIL

CONSUMPTION, EXCHANGE, TECHNOLOGY
Country United Kingdom - Scotland
Host Institution University of Edinburgh
Program(s) Scottish Universities,University of Edinburgh
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 107
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title CONSUMPTION, EXCHANGE, TECHNOLOGY
UCEAP Transcript Title CONSUMPTN/EXCH/TECH
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description
The course discusses how goods are produced, circulated, and consumed, and how these three fundamental processes of social life and reproduction are mediated by technology. Classically, economic anthropologists focused on how such activities were organized in small-scale societies or in colonial territories; often production and exchange, with their associated technologies, were highlighted while consumption received less attention. Today the impact of globalization, the rise of the digital society, and the overflowing material abundance that characterizes life in the advanced economies and aspirations elsewhere, have led many social theorists to focus on consumption and communication as the key factors determining how people experience power, identity, connections, and conflicts. The course examines a range of case studies and theoretical essays, evaluating the strengths, weaknesses, and applicability of different approaches.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SCAN10031

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Host Institution Campus
Edinburgh

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Anthropology

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