COURSE DETAIL

MEETING THE OTHER: AN INTERCULTURAL APPROACH TO DUTCH CULTURE AND SOCIETY

Country
Netherlands

Host Institution
Utrecht University

Program(s)
Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Dutch

UCEAP Course Number
102

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
MEETING THE OTHER: AN INTERCULTURAL APPROACH TO DUTCH CULTURE AND SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title
INTERCULTURL DUTCH

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course invites both international and Dutch students who want to develop an understanding of Dutch culture and society from an intercultural perspective. It first considers the notion of (national) culture, and different approaches to (national) culture. In relation to the Dutch, the course considers auto-images and hetero-images, and the dynamics between the self and “the Other”. Students explore the mechanisms involved in representing “the Other” in an international context. Which hetero images of the Netherlands and the Dutch exist, and how are these images to be understood? Case studies from contemporary Dutch culture resonating abroad are covered, e.g. the monarchy, and policies of toleration concerning ethical issues. Representations of “the Other” in a domestic setting are explored. How are notions about Dutch identity constructed, what is the position of newcomers, expats, and other “Others” in such a context? Again, case studies from contemporary Dutch society are considered, such as the rise of (nationalist) populism on the political stage, and public discourse related to religious and ethnic diversity. The handbook and supplementary texts on selected themes present various disciplinary perspectives. Participants are encouraged to seek out representations of Dutch culture and contribute from their own perspectives. By comparing perspectives and exchanging experiences, students thus gain firsthand insight into the dynamics of the intercultural communication.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
TL2V19001

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Host Institution Campus
Utrecht University

Host Institution Faculty
Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Languages, Literature and Communication

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