COURSE DETAIL

CULTURAL MEMORY
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University – University College Utrecht
Program(s) University College Utrecht
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Film & Media Studies Comparative Literature
UCEAP Course Number 103
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title CULTURAL MEMORY
UCEAP Transcript Title CULTURAL MEMORY
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This multidisciplinary course is an introduction to the key questions and methodologies of cultural memory studies. This course explores topics including: the material culture and civic performance of public memory, the role of remembrance and forgetting in the construction of collective identities, the shifting of (trans) national frameworks of memory, and the role of literature, film, and other media of memory in constructing narratives about the past that either support or challenge the “official” memory of a country or region. The course discusses recent theoretical reflections on collective memory and on the development of memorial cultures in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries against the background of wars, and social and technological change. Students review literary texts alongside a variety of theoretical approaches by historians, literary scholars, philosophers, and psychoanalysts. Students analyze these works and examine the connections between literary analysis and memory and trauma studies. The course consists of discussions, written responses to readings, and student presentations. This course requires that students complete the equivalent of an Introduction to Literature course as a prerequisite.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Campus
Humanities

Host Institution Faculty

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