

COURSE DETAIL

ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND PREJUDICE IN A CENTRAL EUROPEAN CONTEXT

Country

Czech Republic

Host Institution

CIEE, Prague

Program(s)

Central European Studies

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Slavic Studies European Studies Communication

UCEAP Course Number

105

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

ETHNC&RELIG IDENTITY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course examines the role of ethnic and religious identity in group prejudice in a Central European context, along with its geopolitical, cultural, ideological, and ethical implications. The course explores the function of communication in large groups and in mass movements, and the opportunities it provides for social research. A comparison of the Anglo-American and Continental European traditions of social research provide insight into complementarities of the two approaches and potential richness for new methodological approaches in the field of communication research. Students explore the historical circumstances in which particular social research scholarship was developed in order to provide a more realistic understanding of the scientific process. The course also discusses the mutual influence of society and social research and the benefits and dangers of this dynamic for democracy. Students identify research problems and build adequate research methodologies. The course reviews topics including the role of ethnicity and religious affiliation in a Central European context, how stereotypes may lead to group prejudice, prejudiced group attitudes as they appear in media and other forms of public discourse, the importance of social research for policy planning, interpreting publicly disseminated messages, and comparing and analyzing approaches to social research from an historical perspective.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

CEAS 3006 PRAG/COMM

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