

COURSE DETAIL

TIME MATTERS

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

113

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

TIME MATTERS

UCEAP Transcript Title

TIME MATTERS

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course introduces anthropological approaches to time, temporality, and history. Ideas about time have been part of anthropology ever since anthropologists began theorizing human development, and analyzing the ways in which people conceive of time can illuminate fundamental questions about how humans make sense of their world and act within it. This course focuses on the relationship between cultural conceptions of time and power, and examines a few theoretical concepts that help to analyze this relationship. The course studies ways in which time was built into core anthropological concepts of difference (particularly between the West and the rest) and then explores the relationship between time and political possibility, or how politics must make historical sense in order to be effective. In addition to the study of such uses of the past, the course examines nostalgia, identifies its cultural foundations, and shows its politics as well as its limits as a way of thinking about history.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

51704

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

PHILOSOPHISCHE FAKULTÄT

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Europäische Ethnologie

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