COURSE DETAIL

GENOCIDE STUDIES
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Leiden University College
Program(s) Leiden University College
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science International Studies
UCEAP Course Number 155
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title GENOCIDE STUDIES
UCEAP Transcript Title GENOCIDE STUDIES
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course focuses on mass atrocities (large scale and systematic human rights violations, in particular genocide). Typically these type of violations are framed as international crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, torture, or enforced disappearance. Mass murders and genocides are not a new phenomenon. In the twentieth century as well as in this century, war and terror has killed millions, mostly unarmed civilians. It has been estimated that in the last century approximately 191 million persons lost their lives due to collective violence. This course discusses the specific character of mass atrocity. The first part looks at the causes and processes of genocide and other mass atrocities. It deals with the questions of what type of violence constitutes atrocity, what causes it, and how it evolves. The course looks at ideology, propaganda, perpetrators, and specific cases. In the second part of the course, the focus shifts towards the questions of whether mass atrocities can be prevented, and, if so, how. The role of the international community and international criminal prosecutions are considered. The end of the course brings everything together and looks at the future of mass atrocities. Prerequisite for this course is an intermediate level course on world politics.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
LUC The Hague- Level 3

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

World Politics

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