COURSE DETAIL

MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University
Program(s) Utrecht University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Ethnic Studies Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 125
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY
UCEAP Transcript Title MULTICULTRL SOCIETY
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
A society is considered “multicultural” when it is comprised of various ethnic populations and/or various nationalities. One of the main challenges for multicultural societies is to develop social cohesion out of this diversity, a process that doesn't happen without tensions and conflicts. While many newcomers succeeded in integrating into their new homeland without neglecting their cultural identity, conflicts between insiders and outsiders didn't disappear. Inclusion and exclusion as well as integration and separation are processes social scientists concentrate on. The main question of this course is: how does ethnic and cultural diversity as an empirical reality lead to new forms of integration and social cohesion or to nativist backlashes - such as nationalism, xenophobia and new racisms? To answer this question it is not sufficient to regard only the foreigners or aliens as problematic; each society - including all its members - stands for the problem of creating a satisfactory form of pluralism in which various groups are able to live together successfully. This implies that it is important to look at the ways nation-states give access to citizenship and how claims of migrants are acknowledged or resisted. Students are asked to (critically) examine the main question by using concepts and theories on multiculturalism derived from different disciplines. The subjects discussed within this course are: migration, multiculturalism, citizenship, refugees in Europe, settlement, acculturation, xenophobia and racism, (right-wing) populism, policies of integration, the challenge of Islam, identity, cultural diversity and cultural war(s).

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