COURSE DETAIL

IDENTITY, VIOLENCE, AND TRANSGRESSION
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution University of Sussex
Program(s) University of Sussex
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 138
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title IDENTITY, VIOLENCE, AND TRANSGRESSION
UCEAP Transcript Title IDTY VIOL TRANSGRS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
How do we understand ourselves? How closely is our sense of self related to other people? What happens to a person’s self-conception when their sense of self is systematically attacked and undermined? How do people respond to experiences of trauma and personal loss and what kind of psychological strategies of survival do people rely on in order to continue living a meaningful life? The course starts by considering some of the main social psychological theories of the self and self-awareness before moving on to contemplate the darker side of the self specifically addressed in the work of Erich Fromm and David Riesman. The lectures cover a range of influential social theorists and examine a diverse range of contemporary perspectives on the formation and maintenance of self-identity in contemporary society. We will examine why some individuals deliberately choose to engage in behavior that transgresses everyday boundaries and also consider how people respond when their sense of identity is systematically attacked and undermined. This course draws on a wide range of up-to-date research and introduces you to a variety of theoretical perspectives. This course assumes no prior knowledge of the literature and will be of relevance to anyone interested in studying the nature of identity in modern society.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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L4103B

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