COURSE DETAIL

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PASTS IN BERLIN AND ELSEWHERE
Country Germany
Host Institution Humboldt University Berlin
Program(s) Humboldt University Berlin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 161
UCEAP Course Suffix K
UCEAP Official Title DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PASTS IN BERLIN AND ELSEWHERE
UCEAP Transcript Title DIFFICULT PASTS GER
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description
The German term “Aufarbeitung” is often considered to be untranslatable. Originally referring to Germany's obligation to confront its Nazi past, “Aufarbeitung” in Germany today also concerns the legacy of the SED-rule in Communist East Germany as well as transgressions and injustices that were committed on either side of the Cold War frontier, such as violence against children in institutions and families. This course reviews the historical background and theory of Aufarbeitung and related concepts such as transitional justice and politics of memory, and the role these concepts grant to memorialization. Students discuss case studies including the history, aims, and practices of some of the major memorial sites, state commissions, and NGO's addressing difficult pasts in Berlin. These case studies assist in the examination of course topics including the agents of Aufarbeitung, the aims and effects of Aufarbeitung, and the observed processes of inclusion or exclusion. The final part of the course explores the practices of Aufarbeitung from different contexts and countries. Students work in groups to submit a final assignment.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
2181292

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Host Institution Course Details

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