

COURSE DETAIL

HONG KONG: BECOMING A CHINESE GLOBAL CITY

Country

Hong Kong

Host Institution

University of Hong Kong

Program(s)

University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Asian Studies

UCEAP Course Number

18

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

HONG KONG: BECOMING A CHINESE GLOBAL CITY

UCEAP Transcript Title

HK GLOBAL CITY

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course examines Hong Kong as a Chinese global city and its position in relation to the Pearl River Delta and China's national economy. By understanding Hong Kong as both Chinese (Cantonese-speaking) by majority and a global finance center by historical construction, basic readings on urban sociology, global cities and Hong Kong studies are introduced. The course examines Hong Kong's position in the Asia region and the multiple challenges facing the city, including global economics and China's rapid development as well as current debates on democracy and civic society. This course is divided into three components with the first part focusing on the historical perspective of Hong Kong by studying the inter-relations between colonial government administration and policies, manufacturing industries and migration patterns. The second part explores the rise of the middle class and their consumption practices in the city. The complex anxieties surrounding the year 1997 are discussed in relation to its historical significance in political, economic and socio-cultural terms. The last component investigates how Hong Kong measures up to the standards of being a Chinese global city and addresses future issues facing the ongoing development of Hong Kong in the larger schema of China's global economy and its impact on local understandings / identity crises of the city's positioning.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

CCCH9016

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