COURSE DETAIL

CONTEMPORARY WORLD HISTORY
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Maastricht University – University College Maastricht
Program(s) University College Maastricht
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 20
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title CONTEMPORARY WORLD HISTORY
UCEAP Transcript Title CONTEMP WORLD HIST
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

The course intends to trace back current situations to their historical backgrounds. The course contents consist of a brief exploration of the philosophy of history and some issues regarding historical perspective, a discussion of the concepts of "state" versus "nation" (in anticipation of issues regarding decolonization, specific regional conflicts, and possible sources for conflict in general that will also be discussed) and a discussion of the Cold War as an influential factor in recent history. Additional course contents, under the captions of “Area surveys” and “Assessment of the current global situation” respectively, are built around a case that represents the underlying problem, and both combined will lead the students to specific source material. Examples of such cases are decolonization, the economic development of Asia, conflict in Africa, and the implications of the current position of the USA as "solitary superpower." The course discusses the main trends in politics, demography, society, and culture over the last 70 years and to put these trends in a global context. The course develops a critical attitude towards the use of historical theory, and the interpretation of historical data and processes.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
COR1003

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