

COURSE DETAIL

CRITICAL DATA STUDIES

Country

Denmark

Host Institution

University of Copenhagen

Program(s)

University of Copenhagen

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

121

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CRITICAL DATA STUDIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

DATA STUDIES

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the nascent interdisciplinary field of critical data studies, which has sprung up in reaction to the increasing prevalence of digital data practices in our everyday lives. From the meta-data harvested as we use social media, to the biometric data extracted when we enter securitized spaces like airports, to the transactional data generated every time we make a purchase online, data is increasingly the focus of interest not only for commercial enterprises or the state, but also for scholars across disciplines who are concerned at how data is shaping and informing social and political life. This course provides an introduction to the issues, problems and arguments that critical data studies raises, for example: What does dataveillance mean for our ideas about the nation state? Are algorithms prejudiced? Can a person be their data? What new relations are developing between quantitative and qualitative methodologies? Perhaps most importantly, it asks: What is the role of social critique in these new data landscapes? Students learn how to engage critically and ethnographically with data practices, and are able to form their own critical perspectives on the extensive data infrastructures that make up such a large part of our lives. The course is made up of lectures and seminars where students are expected to actively participate, but also includes two experimental workshops where students have the chance to develop and express their own critical voice.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

AANA17101U

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Host Institution Campus

Social Science

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Anthropology

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