COURSE DETAIL

LEVELS OF MEANING OF DIRT AND TRASH IN BERLIN'S URBAN SPACES
Country Germany
Host Institution Humboldt University Berlin
Program(s) Humboldt University Berlin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Urban Studies Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 110
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title LEVELS OF MEANING OF DIRT AND TRASH IN BERLIN'S URBAN SPACES
UCEAP Transcript Title DIRT & TRASH BERLIN
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description
In this course, students work together to conduct an explorative case study, in which they capture and contextualize explanatory approaches for understanding socially constructed differences of dirt and cleanliness in different Berlin areas. While it seems easy to explain at first sight (less passers-by and lower population density in the Grunewald villa quarter), many questions are raised on closer inspection. Can't the city cleaning and local politics compensate for a higher population density, or don't they want to? And who is considered to be responsible for causing dirt or eliminating it? In application of social research methods, students conduct an independent research project in this course, from the development of the exact research question to the operationalization of variables to the presentation of the results. Students do their own field research in Berlin to collect empirical material (through interviews, participant observations, etc.), and they also evaluate media reports. The results are made public at the end of the semester, for example in the form of a symposium, an article, a podcast or a small exhibition. Prerequisite for participation is theoretical prior knowledge in qualitative methods of social research.

Language(s) of Instruction
German

Host Institution Course Number
21811647

Host Institution Course Title
NEUKÖLLN BLEIBT DRECKIG - UND ZEHLENDORK SAUBER?

Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
KULTUR-, SOZIAL- UND BILDUNGSWISSENSCHAFTLICHE FAKULTÄT

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

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