

## 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**

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**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 Campus**

KULTUR-, SOZIAL- UND BILDUNGSWISSENSCHAFTLICHE FAKULTÄT

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

