COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF FOOD
Country Singapore
Host Institution National University of Singapore
Program(s) National University of Singapore
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 115
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SOCIOLOGY OF FOOD
UCEAP Transcript Title SOCIOLOGY OF FOOD
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
Food is a basic necessity for human growth and survival. But at the same time, food does more than that. It is a powerful medium for representation and transmission of almost any aspect of human culture and society. It becomes a political tool through which social hierarchies and power relations may be negotiated. It represents a language, a symbolic system that becomes the window into the drama of human life. It acts as the lens through which we discover cultural meanings and social norms of a society. Yet it serves to obfuscate social norms and becomes the platform upon which differences are contested and sameness constituted. This course examines how a mundane substance such as food and mundane activities such as cooking and eating become relevant domains for investigation by social scientists. Basic questions such as why people eat, what they eat, how they eat and when they eat are subject to social scientific scrutiny in order to unpack the deeper meanings and unearth the sociological and anthropological significance of food and eating from different perspectives.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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