COURSE DETAIL

FICTIONS OF APOCALYPSE

Country Korea, South

Host Institution Yonsei University

Program(s) Yonsei University

UCEAP Course Level Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s) Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number 115

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title FICTIONS OF APOCALYPSE

UCEAP Transcript Title FICTION/APOCALYPSE

UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50

UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

Visions of the end of the world have become common in the for the past decades both in literature and in popular culture. This course examines the narratives dealing with the collapse of civilization and the rebirth of a new society. How have novels and films in the post-World War Two era confronted the fears of social disintegration, ecological disaster, and technological cataclysms? What might these narratives tell us about the world in which we are currently living, which appears perched on the edge of drastic and possibly calamitous changes? The course analyzes novels by George Stewart, Kurt Vonnegut, and Lionel Shriver and views classic and recent films dealing with the end of the world, of humankind, or even of culture itself. Students analyze speculative fiction and develop their own ideas about the future by extrapolating from the narratives studied in the course.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number ELL3934

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department English Language & Literature

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