COURSE DETAIL

RELIGION IN ETHNOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVE
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution King's College London
Program(s) King's College London
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Religious Studies Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 104
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title RELIGION IN ETHNOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVE
UCEAP Transcript Title RELIGION/ETHNOGRPHY
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course explores ethnographic literature and theory on familiar topics in the anthropology of religion. It highlights the importance of ethnographic research and the relevance of case studies. Students become familiar with the main anthropological interpretations of symbolism, rites of passage such as initiation and death rituals, and the different ways that people relate to ancestors, gods, and ghosts. Students also examine such diverse topics as the links between childhood and the spirit world, shamanism and spirit possession, and pilgrimage and world renunciation. The course has a comparative dimension where universal ideas and practices find expression in specific cultural and social contexts. Questions such as how persons are made through religious experience, why certain symbolic objects are revered, and why religious devotees take long arduous journeys to reach the sacred literally and metaphorically are explored.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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5AAT2014

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Host Institution Campus
King's College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Theology & Religious Studies, Arts & Humanities

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