COURSE DETAIL

RACE AND ETHNICITY IN EARLY CHRISTIANITY
Country Korea, South
Host Institution Yonsei University
Program(s) Yonsei University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Religious Studies
UCEAP Course Number 113
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title RACE AND ETHNICITY IN EARLY CHRISTIANITY
UCEAP Transcript Title RACE AND ETHNICITY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
This course examines the subject of race and ethnicity in early Christian Studies. The course pursues this study with respect to the texts and contexts of early Christianity as well as with regard to the modern and postmodern interpretation of such texts and contexts. The course includes readings in the areas of: racial-ethnic studies, the historical theorization of the concepts of race and ethnicity and related concepts; classical studies, the construction and deployment of such categories in the world and study of the Roman Empire; and early Christian studies, the recourse to and use of such categories in the world and study of early Christianity. By the end of the course, students should be able to use theories of race and ethnicity in order to inform their interpretations of biblical texts about foreigners and outsiders. Many biblical texts divide people into categories that most modern interpreters intuitively refer to as ethnic or even racial groups, such as Jews, Galileans, Samaritans, Greeks, and Romans. Students gain a better understanding of how to theoretically, exegetically, and theologically engage these passages, and determine for themselves whether race and ethnicity are appropriate terms to use when interpreting biblical texts. Students should also have a better sense of how to ethically and theologically wrestle with texts that portray foreigners and other outsiders negatively and promote acts of violence against them. Textbooks: David D. Fiensy and James Riley Strange, IN THE LATE SECOND TEMPLE AND MISHNAIC PERIODS; Sean Freyne, JESUS AND THE GOSPELS: LITERARY APPROACHES AND HISTORICAL INVESTIGATIONS.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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