COURSE DETAIL

CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY: CZECH AND AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES

Country Czech Republic

Host Institution CIEE, Prague

Program(s) Central European Studies

UCEAP Course Level Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s) Psychology

UCEAP Course Number 102

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY: CZECH AND AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES

UCEAP Transcript Title CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY

UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50

UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

Cultural psychology examines how our psychology (perception, emotion, judgment, attitudes, personality, etc.) and our culture (the distribution of values, practices, beliefs, institutions, and human-made physical environments within which each of us uniquely develops) make one another up. Some of the topics explored in this course include: how language influences how we think or what we can think about; the extent to which are our emotions shared across the species and the extent to which they depend on culture; mental disorders such as PTSD, depression, ADHD, or schizophrenia, which are more highly diagnosed in the U.S. than in other countries around the world; the role culture might play in mental health and in its diagnosis, and in the conception of mental disorders themselves. A common tension throughout this class is the extent to which we can-or should— generalize about psychology across the human species. Arguably, unlike any other species in earth's history, humans come into the world illprepared to survive in any particular physical environment; yet, thanks in large part to social and cultural systems, we are able to adapt across an extreme range of habitats. The basic question to examine here is: To what extent do people in all cultures share the same psychology and to what extent does our psychology differ along with our distinct cultures?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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