

COURSE DETAIL

BODY & SOUL: SUBJECTIVITY AND SOCIALITY

Country

Denmark

Host Institution

University of Copenhagen

Program(s)

University of Copenhagen

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

118

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

BODY & SOUL: SUBJECTIVITY AND SOCIALITY

UCEAP Transcript Title

BODY & SOUL

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The course works with texts on the category of the “person”, and it pursues ideas about the divide, or un-divide, between body and soul in different cultural contexts and historical periods. An ethnographic core of the course is the Brazilian religion Candomblé and its derivatives, and it relies on texts with topics ranging from African ideas about the person to the contemporary Candomblé and further on to the Christian tradition as for instance reflected in Pentecostalism. Texts on Western ideas about body and soul in a historical light with emphasis on European philosophical ideas and Christianity, including ideas about authenticity as elaborated in Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor's work, are also included. The course thus provides an opportunity to discuss what Webb Keane has called a “depth ontology,” and in a broader sense how the interiority orientation that has been said to characterize post-Lutheran Christianity relates to ideas about the human body. The course should be of interest to students who intend to work with anthropological approaches to subjectivity with a phenomenological inspired focus on the body, but it also deals with sociality in a perspective that relies on a performance approach. And since religion and ritual are the ethnographic core of the course, it can also be regarded as an advanced course in the anthropology of religion.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

AANA17102U

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Host Institution Campus

Social Science

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

