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
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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Social Science

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