COURSE DETAIL

GREENLAND IN THE NEW ARCTIC
Country Denmark
Host Institution University of Copenhagen
Program(s) University of Copenhagen
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 118
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title GREENLAND IN THE NEW ARCTIC
UCEAP Transcript Title GREENLAND ARCTIC
UCEAP Quarter Units 12.00
UCEAP Semester Units 8.00

Course Description
This course focuses on the process of decolonization in Greenland after World War II. Decolonization, demarcated politically by the amendment of Greenland's colonial status in 1953 (and integration into the Danish Realm), prompted the design and implementation of comprehensive improvement schemes (known as G-50 and G-60). Today the process of decolonization is a politically charged topic tied to contemporary agendas such as Greenland's future relationship with Denmark, and severe social problems in Greenland. Moreover, climate change in the Arctic region has enhanced Greenland's geopolitical importance and motivated the superpowers of the world to focus their attention on resource extraction and military activities in the country. Donald Trump's remarks concerning a purchase of Greenland, the Chinese eagerness to invest in Greenland's infrastructure, Russia's military activities in the Arctic, and finally the US-administration's efforts to reestablish diplomatic representation in Greenland are the strongest indications of these tendencies. This course analyzes the historical roots of the somewhat hectic present day situation in which Greenland appears to reemerge in a new Arctic (frontier), focusing specifically on: the historical roots of Greenland's contemporary situation and the challenges facing the Danish Realm; postcolonial perspectives on decolonization and modernization efforts in Greenland; understandings of the consequences of climate change in the Arctic region; understandings of the ways in which shifts in the geopolitical balance are altering Greenland's situation.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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