COURSE DETAIL

SOREN KIERKEGAARD AND THE CHALLENGE OF EXISTENCE
Country Denmark
Host Institution University of Copenhagen
Program(s) University of Copenhagen
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Philosophy
UCEAP Course Number 152
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SOREN KIERKEGAARD AND THE CHALLENGE OF EXISTENCE
UCEAP Transcript Title KIERKEGAARD
UCEAP Quarter Units 12.00
UCEAP Semester Units 8.00

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the works and philosophy of Soren Kierkegaard, the internationally renowned Danish philosopher, theologian, and writer. Considered as the father of existentialism, Kierkegaard's works revolve around basic human experiences such as aesthetic lust, despair, anxiety, morality, passion, knowledge, absurdity, and faith. In particular, Kierkegaard claimed to present a complete summary of the possible ways in which we can live our lives or exist. The course also analyzes and criticizes these ways thoroughly in order to judge to what extent they may give us a true point of orientation. This course examines his witty, humorous, and deeply earnest exploration of the philosophical psychology of self-identity. It remains especially attentive to how Kierkegaard considers human relationships to be essential to understanding oneself and one’s obligations to other human beings. Lectures focus on a discussion of excerpts from Kierkegaard's writings. The course includes a City Walk through old Copenhagen and a guest lecture that explores Kierkegaard's view of love. The course does not presuppose specialized knowledge and is eligible to students of all majors.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HDCB01142U

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Bachelor

Host Institution Department
Danish Culture Courses

Course Last Reviewed

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