COURSE DETAIL

APPROACHES TO HUMAN CULTURE
Country Japan
Host Institution International Christian University
Program(s) International Christian University
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 40
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title APPROACHES TO HUMAN CULTURE
UCEAP Transcript Title HUMAN CULTURE
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description

Socio-cultural anthropology is the study of how people across the globe create, understand, adapt to, and transform their worlds. Located at the juncture between the humanities and social sciences, cultural anthropology merges the study of societies (social structures, institutions and political and economic systems) with the study of culture (belief and value systems, language, ritual and art).

Drawing from their own fieldwork experiences, historical archives, as well as from studies in the sciences and humanities, socio-cultural anthropologists describe, analyze and theorize a wide array of human experiences and relationships. The approach in this course is ethnographic and comparative: it studies peoples and places in depth, comparing places and peoples with one another, in order to gain a better understanding of what is general and what is particular about being human. Beginning with basic concepts in anthropology, ethnography as the core anthropological methodology, and some disciplinary history, the course then turns to a series of topics that anthropologists find important in understanding human beings: kinship and family; domination and subordination in everyday practice; identity and politics; and modernization, capitalism, and globalization.

The course explores some of the seminal texts in the discipline to understand how the fundamental questions asked by anthropologists have developed over the last century, and examines how these questions are refashioned in the contemporary world around urgent matters like technological change, global warming, migrants and refugee flows.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ANT104E

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