COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF THE ARTS
Country United Kingdom - Scotland
Host Institution University of Edinburgh
Program(s) University of Edinburgh
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 145
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SOCIOLOGY OF THE ARTS
UCEAP Transcript Title SOCIOLOGY/THE ARTS
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description

Looking at art sociologically involves questioning conventional understandings of "art" and "the artist." Who has the authority to decide what counts as art, and what social conditions allow for the idea of the "artist" to emerge? The sociology of the arts also entails investigating cultural institutions. How do organizations (such as academies, conservatories, companies, galleries and festivals) become established, and how do they shape artistic innovation? To see the arts from a sociological perspective means examining the relation between the arts and society. How is artistic activity affected or redefined by macro social processes (such as globalization), and what role can the arts play in micro-level processes that foster social cohesion, identity formation, and active citizenship? Through an exploration of theoretical perspectives and empirical studies, this course considers the role of art in the social, and the role of the social in art.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SCIL10083

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Host Institution Campus
University of Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty
School of Social and Political Science

Host Institution Degree

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