COURSE DETAIL

REGION, IDENTITY, AND CHANGE: THEORETICAL LENSES ON THE ARCTIC

Country
Denmark

Host Institution
University of Copenhagen

Program(s)
University of Copenhagen

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science International Studies

UCEAP Course Number
128

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
REGION, IDENTITY, AND CHANGE: THEORETICAL LENSES ON THE ARCTIC

UCEAP Transcript Title
REGION/IDNTY&CHANGE

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course takes a comprehensive look at the challenges and dynamics of "Arctic" issues and relations. The course is structured in four thematic parts: what’s going on and the Arctic now and then; ways of analyzing what’s going on in the Arctic; what the Arctic is a region of; and global issues/arctic particulars. While the first part establishes the basics in terms of geography, states, institutions, and current political developments in an empirical way, the remaining three parts use theoretical approaches from international relations and neighboring disciplines to look at these political dynamics. The second part applies concepts and approaches from core international relations theories such as security dilemma, deterrence, interdependence, norms and rules, and securitization, while the third part deconstructs the idea of the Arctic as a region and understands how it is instrumentalized for a number of purposes, drawing on constructivism, post-structuralist, and critical geopolitics. The last part takes a cross-cutting look at three globally relevant and salient issues – post-colonialism and decolonization, feminism and gender, and climate change and the Anthropocene – to understand their relevance and particularity in the Arctic in a way that seeks to go beyond the state-focused approaches. As such, this course critically applies previous international relations theories and knowledge, but the final part also steps outside these theoretical approaches, and through the empirics of the course, ventures into texts and approaches from neighboring disciplines to gain other perspectives on the top of the world. The course necessitates curiosity about issues and concepts spanning military and strategic studies to post-colonialism and the notion than non-humans can also be analytically central.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ASTK18429U

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree
Bachelor

Host Institution Department
Political Science

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