

COURSE DETAIL

CITIZENSHIP, DIFFERENCE, AND THE POLITICS OF BELONGING

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University - University College Utrecht

Program(s)

University College Utrecht

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

130

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CITIZENSHIP, DIFFERENCE, AND THE POLITICS OF BELONGING

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLTICS OF BELONGNG

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course discusses and develops critical social-scientific perspectives on citizenship, belonging, and difference in contemporary, late-capitalist societies. In a world characterized by flux and the transgression of geographic and symbolic boundaries, a great deal of effort is invested in fixing and freezing identities and controlling and regulating borders. This dialectic of flow and closure is examined from a critical perspective that places contemporary social and cultural dynamics in the historical context of the rise of modern capitalism and nationalism while taking into account 19th and 20th-century experiences of colonialism, authoritarianism, and fascism. The first part of the course focuses on theories of modernity, citizenship, and differences in the political and social sciences, political philosophy, and the humanities. In the second part, several contemporary issues, including (the rise of) new forms of nationalism and the far right; debates about religious diversity and secularism; gender and sexuality; race and racism; and the transformation & politics of identity in neoliberal societies are the focus. The course brings together perspectives from various fields, while especially focusing on perspectives from the global south and from (relatively) marginalized academic fields, like queer studies, critical race perspectives, and postcolonial studies. Students develop and undertake a small research project on identity, based on which they write a final paper.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

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Host Institution Campus

University College Utrecht

Host Institution Faculty

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Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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