COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL INEQUALITIES

Country
Germany

Host Institution
Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)
Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Sociology International Studies

UCEAP Course Number
107

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL INEQUALITIES

UCEAP Transcript Title
SOCIAL INEQUALITIES

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

This course aims to introduce students to the sociological study of social inequalities. That is, to gain a broad understanding of the social processes through which some end up having more resources than others and through which some become included and some excluded. In the introductory sessions, we will begin by defining social inequality and its relevant dimensions, learning about its trends in Europe and the world as well as its pernicious effects for society. Students will also learn key sociological concepts such as social class, social mobility, and ethnoracial categorization processes. In the second part of the course students will be introduced to some of sociology's most studied mechanisms that help explain the perpetuation of inequalities in a wide range of contexts such as cumulative advantage, opportunity hoarding, discrimination, boundary making, and social networks. As a next step we will learn about some of the most relevant engines of inequality such as families and schools, labor markets, tax systems, extreme weather events, and migration systems. We will end the course by learning about how to tackle inequality. We will discuss how acceptance or opposition to it comes about and reflect on sociology's relevance in addressing societal disparities.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
53138

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Host Institution Campus
Humboldt Univ. Berlin

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Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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