COURSE DETAIL

H.C. ANDERSEN AND SOREN KIERKEGAARD: THE QUEST FOR IDENTITY IN MODERNITY

Country
Denmark

Host Institution
University of Copenhagen

Program(s)
University of Copenhagen

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number
110

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
H.C. ANDERSEN AND SOREN KIERKEGAARD: THE QUEST FOR IDENTITY IN MODERNITY

UCEAP Transcript Title
QUEST FOR IDENTITY

UCEAP Quarter Units
12.00

UCEAP Semester Units
8.00

Course Description

This course explores questions concerning personal identity and transformation raised by the two Golden-Age writers who hold a pivotal position in Danish cultural heritage: Hans Christian Andersen and Soren Kierkegaard. The course treats the question of searching for one's identity and themes of self-examination, self-definition, inner exploration, as well as understanding one's values, belief's, passions, and purpose in life. Through the works of Andersen and Kierkegaard, these themes are explored in their connection to cultural, social, emotional, and personal dimensions. The course considers how, though both writers are intimately connected to their contemporary society, there is something in their works that far surpasses the limits of the national and historical consciousness to which they adhere, and extend to a wider, global, and modern consciousness. It examines what it is in their writings that merits such a prolonged actuality and such an extensive, modern appeal. Through a vast proliferation of conceptual, fictive, and allegorical narratives, Andersen and Kierkegaard outline a map for the individual to navigate a path toward self-realization, without giving any definite directions nor any fixed points of orientation.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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HDCB01143U

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Humanities

Host Institution Degree
Bachelor

Host Institution Department
SAXO-Institute - Archaeology, Ethnology, Greek & Latin, History

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