COURSE DETAIL

ANTHROPOLOGY OF VIOLENCE AND SECURITY
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University
Program(s) Utrecht University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 124
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ANTHROPOLOGY OF VIOLENCE AND SECURITY
UCEAP Transcript Title ANTH VIOLENC&SECRTY
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course demonstrates how anthropologists have provided insights into the diverse ways in which violence and security are enacted, performed, experienced, and defined across historical trajectories and geographical localities. To unpack the anthropological approach, this course rests on three key pillars. The first is the variety of ways in which violence and security are analyzed and identified. Rather than presenting a singular approach to analyzing these themes, this course emphasizes multiplicity and diversity. To do so, the physical, structural, and symbolic forms of violence to show how divergent forms of violence and (in)security shape everyday social realities are examined. Various conceptual tools are used to analyze these diverse manifestations and the prominent ethical and methodological questions. The second pillar is the simultaneous distinction and interconnection between violence and security: although they are often mutually constitutive, they also operate as distinct subjects of analysis. The third is the politicization of both violence and security and the inherent processes of exclusion and boundary making. To define something as violence is a political act. Furthermore, security for one often entails insecurity for another and is thus always a political affair. How are notions of membership defined and enacted and what type of imaginaries of security are produced? General themes include colonial and postcolonial violence and rupture; policing and security provision; urban violence and crime; war and militarization; surveillance, and the complex relations between perpetrators and victims of violence. Special attention is paid to the ethnographic study and representation of these issues. Entry requirements : All students must have completed at least 45 ECTS of their introductory bachelor year.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
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Faculty of Social Sciences

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