COURSE DETAIL

ORGANIZING IN A CHANGING WORLD
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University
Program(s) Utrecht University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 136
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ORGANIZING IN A CHANGING WORLD
UCEAP Transcript Title ORGANZE CHNGNG WRLD
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course is meant for anyone interested in alternative forms of organizing in a constantly changing world. The course takes a political perspective on the phenomenon of organizing in order to make sense of both dominant bureaucratic organizations traditionally based on rationality, control and efficiency, and emerging alternative organizations that emphasize participation, democracy and autonomy. Applying a critical management approach, the course examines the contextual forces (e.g. globalization) and societal challenges (e.g. climate change) facing organizations today; the assumptions underlying current logics of organizing, taking the case of the sharing economy and questioning to what extent it can be considered an alternative are explored. Lastly, the course elaborates on the principles and practices associated with other forms of 'alternative' organizations and organizing, from social enterprises to cooperatives and social movements. In the second part of the course, students perform a small-scale field study with a subgroup, engaging with a so called 'alternative' organization/grassroots' community/social movement to better explore their organizational functioning. This is a high intensity level 3 course. Active participation forms the backbone of this course.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
USG4141

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Host Institution Campus
Utrecht University

Host Institution Faculty

Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
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