COURSE DETAIL

BULLSHIT IN PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY
Country Germany
Host Institution Humboldt University Berlin
Program(s) Humboldt University Berlin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Psychology Philosophy
UCEAP Course Number 135
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title BULLSHIT IN PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY
UCEAP Transcript Title BULL IN PHIL&PSYCH
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course explores various philosophical proposals that attempt to conceptually capture the activity of bullshitting and the mental state of those who engage in it. It addresses suggestions from the psychological debate related to the recipients of bullshit, focusing on the susceptibility to and the detection of bullshit. The focus of the seminar is on interdisciplinary discussion of the weekly seminar readings. Using Harry Frankfurt's essay "On Bullshit," questions include what is this phenomenon of misleading speech referred to as bullshit? How can bullshitting be distinguished from lying and deceiving? What are the bullshitter's goals? Who is particularly susceptible to falling for bullshit? And how can bullshit be recognized, exposed, or even overcome?

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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