

## COURSE DETAIL

### JEWISH REMIGRATION TO THE GDR: IN BETWEEN SOCIALIST UTOPIA AND POLITICAL DISAPPOINTMENT

**Country**

Germany

**Host Institution**

Humboldt University Berlin

**Program(s)**

Humboldt University Berlin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology History

**UCEAP Course Number**

161

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

JEWISH REMIGRATION

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

**Course Description**

The history of the Jewish people in East Germany has become a focus of interest in the last few years. This seminar focuses on the perspective of Jewish returners, both prominent and not and focuses on a series of questions and topics: The catastrophe of the Holocaust causes a great many questions about the various lifestyles of East German Jews: What persuaded them after the Holocaust to return to Germany? Which hopes and expectations did this new community have? And to what extent did return to Germany mean the immigration into a socialist utopia, which was a reaction to the atrocities of the past and promised a future and foothold for returnees? But with hope and expectations often comes disappointment: How was the East German antisemitism, both private and occasionally also public, experienced, and what did it mean for returnees; how did they perceive East German evasion surrounding discussion of and responsibility for the Holocaust? The course explores these themes through autobiographical texts and scientific secondary literature.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

German

**Host Institution Course Number**

532832

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**Host Institution Department**

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