COURSE DETAIL

CHILDHOOD IN MODERN GLOBAL HISTORY
Country Ireland
Host Institution Trinity College Dublin
Program(s) Trinity College Dublin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 137
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title CHILDHOOD IN MODERN GLOBAL HISTORY
UCEAP Transcript Title CHILDHOOD/GLBL HIST
UCEAP Quarter Units 10.00
UCEAP Semester Units 6.70

Course Description

What is childhood? Was it invented? How has the concept of childhood differed in different historical, geographical, and socio-economic contexts? These are the questions that will preoccupy students in this course. Focusing on the 19th and 20th centuries, but with reference to earlier periods, and covering Ireland, Britain, Europe, and the wider world – including colonial settings and China – the class explores how the experience and perception of childhood changed. Students examine the hypothesis that childhood as a time of innocence, development, and play was not a natural category but had to be "invented," and they consider different periods and locations as possible candidates for its invention or adaptation. From child labor and children in war to the children of elites and youth culture, students construct a nuanced picture of male and female childhood.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HIU34566

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Host Institution Campus
Trinity College Dublin

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
History

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