

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF MEMORY, TRAUMA, COLLECTIVE DENIAL

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

University College Cork

Program(s)

University College Cork

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

176

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF MEMORY, TRAUMA, COLLECTIVE DENIAL

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOC: MEMORY&TRAUMA

UCEAP Quarter Units

10.00

UCEAP Semester Units

6.70

Course Description

This course examines various collective strategies adopted to selectively know and understand inhumane conduct and consider how publics morally disengage from acts of extreme violence and rationalize inhumane conduct, especially during periods of upheaval social unrest. It asks if social and political under-reactions to widespread evidence of violence, hunger, poverty, or ecological destruction today offer us any insights into the relationship between knowledge of suffering (its production and dissemination), social relations among humans, and propensity to act? Using classical Marxist and Weberian analysis, it will explore how social and affective identification with fellow humanity is routinely blocked. It will also assess the role of narrative in establishing the acceptability and coherence of certain violent realities today. The second part of this course considers occasions when societies choose to engage with traumatic memories of violence. Topics include collective trauma, denial, forgetting, societal guilt, inhumanities, the by-stander society, alienation, and societal learning.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SC3058

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Host Institution Campus

University College Cork

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sociology and Criminology

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