COURSE DETAIL

RUBBISH ANTHROPOLOGY
Country United Kingdom - Scotland
Host Institution University of St Andrews
Program(s) University of St Andrews
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 120
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title RUBBISH ANTHROPOLOGY
UCEAP Transcript Title RUBBISH/ANTHROPLOGY
UCEAP Quarter Units 12.00
UCEAP Semester Units 8.00

Course Description

Waste and recycling seem like every-day, if important, issues with which we are all familiar. But do we actually know what waste is? This course introduces students to the anthropological study of waste, an area that straddles politics, economy, and the environment. Early anthropological studies focused on issues such as the symbolic pollution beliefs associated with persons and substances within a coherent cultural framework. A more recent and clearly defined "anthropology of waste" has taken discards and the regimes of production, labor, and value that generates them, as its central areas of study. This course introduces key theoretical understandings of waste alongside compelling ethnographic accounts of waste work that involves both dignity and discrimination, citizenship, and segregation.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SA4068

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Social Anthropology

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