

## COURSE DETAIL

### BEING HUMAN: CONTEMPORARY THEMES IN SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

London School of Economics

**Program(s)**

London School of Economics

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Anthropology

**UCEAP Course Number**

149

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

Y

**UCEAP Official Title**

BEING HUMAN: CONTEMPORARY THEMES IN SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

THEMES/SOCIAL ANTH

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

12.00

## **UCEAP Semester Units**

8.00

### **Course Description**

This course provides an introduction to Social Anthropology as the comparative study of human societies and cultures. Students are introduced to key themes and debates in the history of the discipline. Ethnographic case studies are drawn from work on a variety of societies, including hunter-gatherers, farmers, industrial laborers, and urban city-dwellers. Drawing on both classical and contemporary work, the course starts by posing the question: What is Social Anthropology? After exploring the ethnographic method and considering some historical background, the rest of the course is organized around core themes in the discipline, including (in the fall term) relatedness, exchange, and power. Through comparing different ethnographic examples, students consider key questions through anthropological perspectives. How do we become people and become related to others? What is love, and is it natural? Why do we think of some people as different and others as the same? Why are gifts and exchange so central to human societies? Does work empower or enslave us? What is power, and why do some people have it and others don't?

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

AN100

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### **Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Anthropology

**Course Last Reviewed**

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