

COURSE DETAIL

THE SOCIOLOGY OF RACE AND EMPIRE

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)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

120

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE SOCIOLOGY OF RACE AND EMPIRE

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOC OF RACE&EMPIRE

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The course provides an introduction to theoretical, historical, and contemporary debates around race, racism, and empire. It covers the following thematic areas: history; theory; experience; futurism. Students begin by exploring the historical events and contemporary afterlives that have created a world structured by racism and colonialism. From the Enlightenment to nationalism; from science to secularism, students look at how this world came to be, and why these often-hidden histories matter. The course then looks at different ways people have tried to understand this world. Theoretical paradigms include anticolonial theory, the Black Radical Tradition, Queer theory, Trans* theory, and postcolonial theory, decoloniality and settler colonialism, among others. The third block looks at the everyday experiences of race and empire. The course looks at the politics around tourism, climate change, technology, intimacy, movement and food, and the course ends with a discussion about abolition as a means of imagining a future free of racism.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SO244

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sociology

Course Last Reviewed

2025-2026

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