

COURSE DETAIL

ASYLUM SEEKERS IN THE 21ST CENTURY: THEATRE, FILM, AND ACTIVISM

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of London, Royal Holloway

Program(s)

University of London, Royal Holloway

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Dramatic Arts

UCEAP Course Number

170

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

ASYLUM SEEKERS 21C

UCEAP Quarter Units

12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

Asylum seekers and refugees activate some of today's most urgent and fraught issues relating to citizenship and national identity, human rights, immigration and border security, economic crisis, xenophobia and Islamophobia. This advanced research seminar introduces students to some of the ways in which contemporary theatre makers, filmmakers and artist-activists are responding to the predicaments and experiences associated with asylum and migration, as well as to the ways that asylum seekers and refugees have found ways to tell their own stories. Course content draws from performance practices, media representation, policy frameworks, as well as critical and philosophical writing in Europe (the UK, Germany, Austria, Italy and Greece) and Australia. Students study theatre and performance, feature film, documentary film and live art produced over the past two decades. They are also required to seek out and study new work in London or further afield. Theatre, film and activism offer rich and mutually-informative points of entry into this complex and controversial topic, helping students to perceive how relationships between asylum seekers and their would-be hosts are being negotiated in the 21st century.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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DT3101V

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Drama, Theatre and Dance

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