COURSE DETAIL

FICTIONS OF THE SUPERNATURAL
Country Singapore
Host Institution National University of Singapore
Program(s) National University of Singapore
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) English
UCEAP Course Number 108
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title FICTIONS OF THE SUPERNATURAL
UCEAP Transcript Title FCTN SUPERNATURAL
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course examines works of fiction that explain or dismiss the supernatural. Topics include David Hume's infamous and controversial take on miracles, Sigmund Freud's "uncanny," Tzvetan Todorov's "fantastic," Alejo Carpentier's idea of the "marvelous real," etc. The course focuses on the historical ways of thinking about certain texts and a terminology for doing so, exploring the tension between what is real and unreal, what is natural and supernatural, in a variety of ways: for the readerly pleasures of terror and suspense; as allegories of personal or political or social trauma; as problematic racist and misogynistic symbols of feared "otherness"; and also as a site from which oppressed and marginalized communities can resist.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
EN2212

Host Institution Course Title
FICTIONS OF THE SUPERNATURAL

Host Institution Course Details
https://nusmods.com/courses/EN2212/fictions-of-the-supernatural

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Arts and Social Science

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
English, Linguistics and Theatre Studies

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