

COURSE DETAIL

THE GOLDEN AGE OF PORTUGUESE TRAVEL LITERATURE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University College London

Program(s)

University College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Portuguese

UCEAP Course Number

102

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE GOLDEN AGE OF PORTUGUESE TRAVEL LITERATURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

PORTUGSE TRAVEL LIT

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course introduces students to the critical study of global cross-cultural encounters in the early modern period. The course's main materials are Portuguese travel narratives, geographical and ethnographic texts produced between c.1450 and 1650. Students read a selection of translated primary texts narrating travels, encounters, and confrontations with extra-European cultures, accompanied by a selection of secondary literature highlighting the quandaries of the genre's intertwinements with imperial expansion and the making of colonial societies in Brazil, Africa and Asia. To highlight the unique characteristics of Portuguese travel writing, the course covers the entire globe, but some emphasis is placed on early colonial Brazil, West and South Africa, and the so-called East Indies.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PORT0006

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/modules/the-golden-age-of-portuguese-tra...>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

School of European Languages, Culture and Society

Course Last Reviewed

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