COURSE DETAIL

RETHINKING DARKNESS: EXPLORATIONS INTO THE NIGHT
Country Denmark
Host Institution Aarhus University
Program(s) Aarhus University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 108
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title RETHINKING DARKNESS: EXPLORATIONS INTO THE NIGHT
UCEAP Transcript Title RETHINKING DARKNESS
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description

This course expands our understanding of the night and considers the range of lessons from such a reflection. It begins with two baseline assumptions. First, the night is not only a time but also a space. This social fact is important when we consider foundational research areas within social science and the humanities, such as urban anthropology. The city at night is significantly different than during the day, in terms of labor, geography, age groups and expressive culture. Second, when we entertain the idea of the night as a time-space, we can begin to think about inequality, one of the keywords of this course. The qualities of the night and our judgments about such qualities influence how social inequalities are expressed. Despite the fact that inequalities are produced/maintained, albeit differently, at night, it is important to emphasize the creative, transgressive energies of darkness. This course is transdisciplinary, meaning that it discusses methods and theories from multiple disciplines (anthropology, history, cultural studies, geography) and moves towards a creative mix for Night Studies. Readings cover cities in Europe, including Aarhus, as well as Latin American and African locales. It also takes into consideration the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the night.

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English

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