COURSE DETAIL

PERSONHOOD AND SELVES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC: BEYOND THE INDIVIDUAL AND BEYOND THE HUMAN

Country
Denmark

Host Institution
University of Copenhagen

Program(s)
University of Copenhagen

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number
127

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
PERSONHOOD AND SELVES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC: BEYOND THE INDIVIDUAL AND BEYOND THE HUMAN

UCEAP Transcript Title
PERSONHOOD/ASIA-PAC

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course explores the rich anthropological literature on the multifaceted dimensions of self- and personhood across the Asia-Pacific region to collectively reflect on what personhood entails from an array of non-western vantage points. The Asia-Pacific region is home to a range of distinct indigenous intellectual traditions that have developed and interacted for millennia, each with their own ideas of self and personhood. This diverse cultural context provides fertile ground for examining how spirituality, kinship, modernity and technology intersect with individual and collective identities. By engaging discussions and comparative readings across the region, the course navigates the complexities of identity construction in relation to themes like animism, multiple selves, religion, citizenship and colonialism and examine how variedly communities grant personhood to spirits and monsters, robots and artefacts, animals and nature.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree
Bachelor

Host Institution Department
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