COURSE DETAIL

PSYCHOLOGY OF TRANSITION AND TRANSFORMATION
Country Czech Republic
Host Institution CIEE, Prague
Program(s) Central European Studies
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Psychology Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 115
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PSYCHOLOGY OF TRANSITION AND TRANSFORMATION
UCEAP Transcript Title PSYCH OF TRANSITION
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

What happens when you suddenly find yourself in the society of unknown rules and most of your previous knowledge is useless? What are the psychological pre-conditions but also consequences of the political changes in the 1990s and how can we account for them in psychological terms? How can we link it to some social issues moving the Czech society now? These are some of the key questions explored in this multidisciplinary course, which employs critical social psychology as its main theoretical source although other theoretical perspectives are also included. The course examines problems related to socialization in the totalitarian regime, demands political changes towards democracy put on individuals in the Czech society, and whether we can find traces of these unique experiences in the present day society. The communist regime was strongly linked with regulated socialization in chosen institutions and forced civil participation, which in fact resulted in people's retreat to private life and on an authentic community participation. The course examines the effects of the totalitarian past on the Czech society as a whole as well as on individuals and presents cultural specifics related to non-violent change of the society from totality to democracy. In addition, it analyzes the concept of the post-totalitarian syndrome in relation to some current issues in the Czech society, including xenophobia and prejudice towards immigrants and other minorities, and explores the changes in gender equality and the transformation of the health and social services, particularly in regard to mental health.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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PSYC 3001,POLI 3001

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