

COURSE DETAIL

EMPIRES

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

128

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

EMPIRES

UCEAP Transcript Title

EMPIRES

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

Our contemporary world continues to be shaped by many different kinds of empire: from the nation states that assert political and military control over mineral resources in foreign lands to the global corporations that control public access to medicines, food, and telecommunications; from attempts to unify new territories and populations by force to attempts to expand global markets under the banner of freedom and liberation. This course asks, how are we to understand Empires today. How might we approach Empires as cultural projects of power and control? How might we approach Empires from the perspective of those without them? What does it mean to consider contemporary Empires in the light of colonialism? And how might the study of past Empires help us to reflect on the limits to globalizing ambition?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SCAN08010

Host Institution Course Title

EMPIRES

Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/25-26/dpt/cxscan08010.htm>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Social and Political Science

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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