

COURSE DETAIL

PHILOSOPHY OF CLIMATE EMOTIONS

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

129

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PHILOSOPHY OF CLIMATE EMOTIONS

UCEAP Transcript Title

CLIMATE PHILOSOPHY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

The climate crisis triggers intense emotional reactions in many people – from fear and grief to guilt, anger, or hopelessness. But how are these “climate emotions” to be understood philosophically? Are they rationally justified or irrational overreactions? Can emotions reveal moral truths about climate change to us? And what role do they play in our moral action? This seminar examines these questions and climate emotions from various philosophical perspectives. Students engage with classical and contemporary theories of emotions, explore the epistemic and moral significance of emotions like eco-anxiety or climate guilt, and ask about the connection between emotional involvement and moral responsibility. The seminar combines systematic philosophical reflection with the analysis of concrete phenomena and invites critical questioning of both classical philosophical categories and one’s own emotional relationship to the environmental crisis.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

16056

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Institut für Philosophie

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