

COURSE DETAIL

FREEDOM OF WILL

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Psychology Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

139

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

FREEDOM OF WILL

UCEAP Transcript Title

FREEDOM OF WILL

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Freedom of will is both a philosophical problem and an empirical issue. However, the distinction between the philosophical and empirical aspects of the problem has not always been clear, leading to serious confusion at times. Bringing together philosophical and empirical approaches, the seminar focuses on the distinction between the philosophical and empirical aspects of the problem, which matters for interdisciplinary work in general. The first part presents several more recent theoretical approaches advocating for and against the existence of freedom of will. The second part reviews recent empirical work on the role of consciousness, intention, or a possible veto in decision-making processes, as well as related lay intuitions. Finally, the third part discusses the effects of psychiatric disorders on free will. A number of case studies on disorders like addiction, antisocial personality disorders, or obsessive-compulsive disorders are examined.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

51048

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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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