

COURSE DETAIL

ARE WE DOOMED? LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL RESPONSES TO EXISTENTIAL RISK

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

126

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

LIT&PHIL EXISTL RSK

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course is conducted as an interdisciplinary seminar, with student-led discussions on major works in the emerging field of Existential Risk Studies. Students survey the literature in roughly chronological order, discuss several works of dystopian fiction and film, and delve into the political and ethical debates surrounding the threat of human extinction. Topics include contemporary debates in philosophical ethics, science, asteroids, and politics, concerned primarily with anthropogenic threats such as nuclear disaster, climate change, and misaligned Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

16914

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Host Institution Campus**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

Institut für Deutsche und Niederländische Philologie

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