

COURSE DETAIL

POETRY OF PLACE: POEM SECTION

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

English

UCEAP Course Number

125

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

POETRY OF PLACE: POEM SECTION

UCEAP Transcript Title

POETRY OF PLACE

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

In this course, students explore a double and interrelated focus: connecting theories of place with readings of poems in which place is more than just a setting and instead gains poetological significance. From the more accessible approaches of poets like Seamus Heaney, Geoffrey Hill, Alice Oswald or, in the postcolonial context, Arun Kolatkar, to the more experimental poetics of Allen and Roy Fisher or Wendy Mulford and Geraldine Monk, the course analyzes a variety of place-based poetics from the 1960s to the beginning of the 21st century. Topics include how to think of place in the context of a globalizing world, phenomenological approaches of place and how globalization has disrupted it, identities of places, geological materialities and the social and communal process. Students examine how poets have not only recognized the multidimensional complexity of places and the culturally as well as politically critical ways of determining the boundaries and identities of places, but have used explorations into how to represent places in their various material and semiological layers also for reflecting on, and experimenting with, poetic forms and the materiality, historicity as well as performativity of poetic signification.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

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