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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ILHS18, History of Ideas: History-writing, Nationalism and Identity, 7.5 credits

*Idé- och lärdomshistoria: Historiebruk, nationalism och identitet,
7,5 högskolepoäng*
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2021-06-24 to be valid from 2021-06-24, spring semester 2022.

General Information

The course is a component of the Master's programme in Historical Studies. It is also offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

History of Ideas and Sciences

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- account for the political, ideological and cultural significance of history for different groups and in different contemporary societies and how it is possible to understand representations of history based on theoretical texts about the use of history and identity

Competence and skills

- independently identify and analyse examples of politicised use of history and societal debates on historical representations
- in speech and in writing, discuss and compare current examples of the use of history and debates on historical representation in different parts of the world
- identify and analyse key ideas, concepts and terminology concerning the use of history, national identity and memory cultures
- independently search for and analyse information in the field and relate to the current research situation

Judgement and approach

- analyse and problematise how history is presented in public environments based on a history of ideas perspective
- analyse and problematise both sides of contemporary political debates on the use of history.

Course content

The course covers how history is written, interpreted and disseminated in public environments for the purpose of creating identity with a focus on examples from the past 40 years. National identity has a particularly close connection to interpretations of historical events and is therefore the main focus, however, other memory cultures will also be discussed. The course presents different theoretical frameworks to understand the use of history and memory cultures while examples of contemporary politicised use of history from around the world are analysed. There is a special focus on conflicts over the interpretation and representation of history.

Course design

The teaching consists of 6-8 seminars and participation in research seminars in the subject and programme. Participation at the course seminar sessions as well as at a minimum of one of the subject or programme research seminars is compulsory. Absence may be compensated for with a written assignment.

Assessment

Assessment of the course is based on two written assignments and an oral presentation.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

For the grade of Pass with Distinction, students must have been awarded at least the grade of Pass on the first written assignment and on the oral presentation and the grade of Pass with Distinction on the final written assignment.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have successfully completed HISS01, HISS02, HISS03 or 22.5 second-cycle credits in history, history of ideas or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Department of Arts and Cultural Sciences, Division of the History of Ideas and Sciences, Lund University
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details, see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in ILHS18, History of Ideas: History-writing, Nationalism and Identity

Applies from V22

- 2201 Theoretical paper, 2,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2202 Final assignment, 4,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2203 Oral presentation, 1,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass