CULTURE AND POLITICS

MAIR Specialisation Master Day Session
2 November 2018
The Specialisation

• Human understanding in all its diversity
• Culture as a lens and/or as embodied practice
• Culture as political
• Cultural dynamics of power, dominance and resistance
• Examination and questioning of culture in IR scholarship
The Specialisation

- Broader opportunities within the Faculty
  - Leiden Institute for Area Studies (LIAS)
  - Leiden Centre for the Arts in Society (LUCAS)
  - Leiden Centre for the Study of Religion (LUCSoR)
  - https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/humanities

- Broader opportunities within the city and its environs
  - Leiden museums (13!)
  - Den Haag, Amsterdam
  - Museumkaart (https://www.museumkaart.nl/)
The Core Course

- Dr. John-Harmen Valk
- Dr. Mari Nakamura
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- Exploration of various understandings of culture
  - High culture to popular culture
  - Anthropological notions of culture as a way of life
  - Cultural studies notions of culture as relations of power
- Exploration of various cultural modes
  - Metaphors, narratives, myths, rituals, images, films, advertisements
- Introduction to a range of methods
  - Semiotics, content analysis, discourse analysis
- Critical examination of the mobilization of culture
Electives

• 10 EC within specialisation
  • Organised by MAIR
  • Organised by other programmes

• 10 EC within or without specialisation
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• https://studiegids.leidenuniv.nl/en/studies/show/6415/culture-and-politics