COURSE DETAIL

CROWNED BY GOD: EUROPE IN THE AGE OF CHARLEMAGNE
Country Ireland
Host Institution Trinity College Dublin
Program(s) Trinity College Dublin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 152
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title CROWNED BY GOD: EUROPE IN THE AGE OF CHARLEMAGNE
UCEAP Transcript Title AGE OF CHARLEMAGNE
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description

The Frankish super-state pieced together by bloody conquest in the reign of Charlemagne (768-814) comprised much of modern-day France, Germany, Italy, Catalonia, and the Low Countries. It remains popularly seen today as at once a restoration of the western Roman Empire, and as a precursor to modern European unity.

By consulting first-hand the remarkable variety of contemporary literature produced at the courts and monasteries of this age, together with the boom in modern scholarship on the subject published in recent decades, we will seek to deconstruct both these notions, and uncover instead a 'Carolingian Renaissance' on its own, eighth- and ninth-century terms: one of ritual, theocracy, and prophetic visions; of brutal violence, learned polemic, and carefully balanced consensus. Above all, the course asks: how were such extraordinary political and territorial ambitions achieved and legitimized in a world of such rudimentary resources? And why, once accomplished, could it not last?

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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