COURSE DETAIL

WITCHCRAFT AND MAGIC
Country Norway
Host Institution University of Oslo
Program(s) University of Oslo
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Religious Studies History
UCEAP Course Number 106
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title WITCHCRAFT AND MAGIC
UCEAP Transcript Title WITCHCRAFT & MAGIC
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description

This course examines aspects of the cultural history of magic with a focus on the period of the witch-hunts in early modern Europe. The course explores how conceptions of magic, witchcraft, and trolldom changed over time; how they were put to use in philosophical reflections, demonological manuals, legislative texts, and oral traditions; and how these ideas became social realities. From the 1500s, combating witchcraft with legislation and judicial prosecution became an important concern for authorities all over Europe. Witchcraft trials consequently became a nexus between law, theology, and the culture of the common people. In this course, students address the cultural and social basis of this development, and review a selection of Norwegian witchcraft trials. The course also introduces later redefinitions of magic expressed in modern occultism and Neopaganism.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
KULH1003

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Host Institution Campus
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