COURSE DETAIL

FAIR TRIAL: MEETING OUT JUSTICE FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT
Country Norway
Host Institution University of Oslo
Program(s) University of Oslo
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Legal Studies History
UCEAP Course Number 122
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title FAIR TRIAL: MEETING OUT JUSTICE FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT
UCEAP Transcript Title FAIR TRIAL
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course looks at a number of criminal trials, both high-profile cases and everyday proceedings, to understand how judicial proceedings have changed over a long time period while also retaining some essential structures. Through deep reading of sources from each trial as well as secondary literature, it considers how notions of "fairness," "due process," "evidence," or the "law" have evolved and how trials reflect normative expectations that are specific to and indeed highly revelatory of their respective temporal, spatial, and social contexts. The course investigates if and in what ways modern trials differ from their predecessors, how meaningful comparisons can be made, and whether or not there is a hard, systemic core to the "law" as opposed to politics, society, and culture which can be identified and studied by historians. Case studies include the trials of Jesus, Jeanne d'Arc, and the alleged witch Tempel Anneke, as well as the Stalinist show trials of the 1930s and cases from international tribunals such as those for Yugoslavia, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone. No prior legal knowledge is required.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Archaeology, Conservation and History

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