

## 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**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

FAIR TRIAL

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

**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

**Host Institution Course Number**

HIS2915

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**Host Institution Campus****Host Institution Faculty**

Humanities

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