COURSE DETAIL

THE DOOMED KINGDOM: POWER, LAW, AND RELIGION IN EARLY MEDIEVAL EUROPE

Country
United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution
University of Edinburgh

Program(s)
University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
139

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
THE DOOMED KINGDOM: POWER, LAW, AND RELIGION IN EARLY MEDIEVAL EUROPE

UCEAP Transcript Title
EARLY MEDIEVAL EUR

UCEAP Quarter Units
8.00

UCEAP Semester Units
5.30

Course Description

This course explores the intersection of politics and culture in early medieval Europe through the strange fate of the Carolingian kingdom of Lotharingia. The slow-motion collapse of this kingdom, linked to an extraordinary marriage scandal, is uniquely well-documented, through secret treaties, letters both confidential and public, the minutes of staged show trials, records of tense summit meetings, learned legal advice, and rich and often spiteful contemporary narratives. Drawing on these sources, students explore key themes in early medieval European history, including the contested meaning of empire, dynastic rulership, the evolution of queenship, the use of the written word, legal pluralism, the impact of the Vikings, and the changing role of the papacy.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HIST10495

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Host Institution Course Details
http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/current/dpt/cxhist10495.htm

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
School of History, Classics and Archaeology

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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