

COURSE DETAIL

WITCH-HUNTING IN EUROPEAN SOCIETIES

Country

Australia

Host Institution

University of Melbourne

Program(s)

University of Melbourne

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology History

UCEAP Course Number

180

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

WITCH-HUNTING IN EUROPEAN SOCIETIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

WITCH HUNTING

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines different historical models for explaining the shocking rise and ultimate decline of witchcraft as a crime with dramatic social repercussions. It covers accused female and male witches of all ages and all social levels, as well as inquisitors, judges, torturers, accusers and victims. It assesses the social, political, religious, legal, environmental and cultural underpinnings of witchcraft panics in locations including Germany, France, England, Scotland, Spain and Italy. It looks at European anxieties about non-European diabolical magic, and the notorious New England Salem witch trials of 1692 in North America.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HIST20080

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/subjects/hist20080>

Host Institution Campus

Parkville

Host Institution Faculty

Arts

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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