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 assess 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

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Host Institution Campus
Parkville

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Arts

Host Institution Degree

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