

## COURSE DETAIL

### THE POLITICS OF JUSTICE: THE HISTORY OF THE 'SCOTTSBORO TRIAL' IN 1930S AMERICA

**Country**

Ireland

**Host Institution**

Trinity College Dublin

**Program(s)**

Trinity College Dublin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

History

**UCEAP Course Number**

173

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

THE POLITICS OF JUSTICE: THE HISTORY OF THE 'SCOTTSBORO TRIAL' IN 1930S AMERICA

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SCOTTSBORO TRIAL

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

## **UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

### **Course Description**

This course looks at historical approaches to political trials in the twentieth century with a focus on the Scottsboro Trial, a major civil rights case in the Depression-era United States. Which historical sources can we use to understand the history of political trials, justice, and law? What makes a trial 'political'? The course examines a diverse range of sources including the contemporary press, poetry, theater, legal documents, speeches, and literature from the period, as well as the memory of the case through the Cold War and beyond. The course places the case in an international perspective and uses it to examine the controversial and contested intersection between contemporary law, race, and politics.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

HIU33117

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### **Host Institution Course Details**

<https://www.tcd.ie/history/assets/pdf/ug/25-26/list3/justice.pdf>

### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

History

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

**Course Last Reviewed**

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