

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 Campus**Host Institution Faculty**

History

Host Institution Degree**Host Institution Department**

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