COURSE DETAIL

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN LONDON
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution University of London, Queen Mary
Program(s) University of London, Queen Mary
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Urban Studies History
UCEAP Course Number 134
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN LONDON
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Course Description

Crime has been readily associated with London's metropolis, from loveable rogues, spivs, and celebrity criminals such as Jack Sheppard to panics caused by the "London Monster" and "Jack the Ripper." Criminals have been the focus of both fascination and horror in the city's past. In tandem, the city developed efforts to control crime, from Beadles and Bobbies to slum clearances and the ultimate sanctions of Tyburn Tree and Newgate Prison. This course analyzes thematic aspects of crime and punishment in London, with particular attention to race, gender, and queer history. By recovering marginalized voices, students chart transitions in societal reactions, policing, legislation, and culture across the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Through analyzing primary materials and site visits linked to key cases from London's past, this course provides glimpses into the shifting criminal and judicial landscape of London.

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