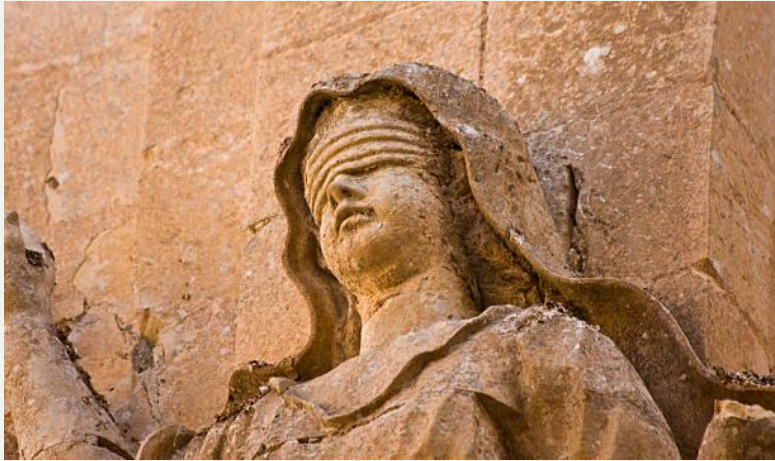


# MEDIEVAL JUSTICE



**Fall 2023! HIST 3202-301 - Prof. Ada Kuskowski**

**Time:** Tues 1:45-4:45 pm     Major Concentrations: European, Intellectual

Major/Minor Requirements: Europe, pre-1800, Research, Seminar, Minor in Legal Studies and History (Philosophical Foundations of Law)

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What exactly is justice? What is its relationship to law? To what extent is it culturally contingent? How do ideas about justice change over time? This course will examine different theories and representations of justice in European Middle Ages (ca. 500-1500) as well some of the great trials of the era that captured its tensions, anxieties and aspirations.

## TOPICS

- What is justice?
- Vengeance as a Philosophy of Justice
- Two Swords of Justice: Temporal and Spiritual
- Trial by Ordeal and the Judgment of God
- The Jury Trial
- Rights & Justice: Magna Carta
- Inquisitorial Justice: Joan of Arc

## REQUIRED READING

The Trial of Joan of Arc, trans. Daniel Hobbins (Harvard, 2009)

Bartlett, Robert. *Trial by Fire and Water*. Battleboro, Vt.: Echo Point Books & Media, 2014.

Jager, Eric. *The Last Duel: A True Story of Crime, Scandal, and Trial by Combat in Medieval France*. New York: Broadway Books, 2004.

Other readings will be posted on Canvas.

## EVALUATION

Participation (30%)

2 Mock Trial Assignments (2 x 15 %)

Research Paper 16-20pp (40%)

Prerequisites: None.