



NEW COURSES IN TOPIC STUDIES OFFERED IN SEMESTER 2, 2017-2018

HIST 4215 Topic Studies in Western History: Gender and Sexuality in the United States during the Long Nineteenth Century (E)

Dr. David Schley

Studying the history of gender reveals the manifold ways in which past societies have configured men's and women's roles in society. By examining this history, we can better understand both the ways in which gender norms shape our lives and get a sense of how social orders that appear inevitable or immutable can change. This course undertakes this challenge by focusing on a particular place and time—the United States from independence (1783) to women's suffrage (1920). We will take gender as both a subject of study and a tool of analysis, examining key changes in gender roles and ideology during this dynamic time period and reexamining key moments in American history through a gendered lens. By the end of the semester, students in this course will contribute to our understanding of nineteenth-century American gender and sexuality by producing a research-based term paper on a topic of their choosing.

HIST/CHSH 4327 Topic Studies in Comparative History: The Modern Middle East, 1900-1970 (E)

Dr. Daniel-Joseph MACARTHUR-SEAL

The course provides students with an overview of Middle Eastern history from the last decades of the Ottoman Empire through to the late twentieth century. Students will receive lectures and engage in seminar discussions on historical issues such as Orientalism and the production of knowledge about the Middle East; political reforms in the Ottoman Empire, European mandates, and current nation states of the region; the impact of the First World War, Second World War, and Arab-Israeli Wars; the integration of the Middle East into the world economy, natural resources, and economic nationalism; the rise of nationalist, Islamist and socialist political movements; and changing gender identities and relations.

HIST 4406 Topic Studies in Cultural History: Catholic Sisters in Chinese Communities (E)

Prof. Cindy Yik-yi CHU

This course introduces the Catholic Sisters in Chinese communities, mainly in the twentieth century. It discusses the Sisters' work in education, welfare, and medical care. On the one hand, this course evaluates the contribution of the Sisters (Chinese and non-Chinese) in the local communities of Hong Kong. On the other hand, it assesses the perception of these Sisters from those people whom they had served. This course requires students to read quite an amount of materials so as to engage in group discussions.

HIST/CHSH 4407 Topic Studies in Social History: Social History of Early China (C)

Dr. Ka-lai CHAN

上古（史前到先秦時期）乃中國歷史的黎明階段，上古史更為探索中國文明之源頭。本課程向學生介紹中國上古時代社會生活面貌的情況。課程透過講課、討論、實地考察的方式，讓學生了解古人在環境聚落、婚姻家庭、宗教信仰、天文曆法等方面的生活情況，從社會史角度出發，探索中國上古的發展歷程。