New Spring 2024 Graduate Course

HRTS 5428  TORTURE
Thursdays 1:30-4:00pm
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Counts Towards:
• HRTS Grad Program Requirements
• POLS International Relations Grad Program Requirements

Among the many questions we will consider:
• How is torture perpetrated? What are its forms through history, and why these?
• Why is torture perpetrated, by both state and private actors?
• What are the effects of torture on victims, both short and long term?
• Who commits torture? How do individuals become perpetrators?
• What are the key domestic and international legal frameworks addressing torture?
• How can we reliably determine torture’s prevalence?
• Can torture be prevented?