

History 6934 (0004): Holocaust and Comparative Genocide Colloquium
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Course Aims:

Since the twentieth century and the Holocaust, the globe has been haunted by the “*Spectre of Genocide*.” Why did these horrific mass murders occur? What commonalities did they share? In what ways were they different? This course addresses such issues in the History of the Holocaust and comparative genocide. *Depending on student interest*, we can delve into specialized topics, such as the role of ideology; racism; nationalism; post-genocide trials, as well as deal with both the victims and perpetrators. During our once-per-week discussion sessions, we will take up the latest materials, including articles and books. A special effort will be made to utilize first-hand evidence. The course provides an opportunity for critical and informed discussion of selected texts. It seeks to foster the development of advanced research and writing skills, and to have students prepare a paper that is publishable in some form.