A study aimed at pointing up the similarities and differences in assassinations. The first half of the course will consider general characteristics of assassinations. Discussions will focus on the nature of the act, whether by an individual or a group, the reasons for assassinations, the choice of victims, and the problems of prosecution.

In the latter half of the course students will report on specific, chosen assassinations, considering them from the perspectives of the victim, the assassin, and the judicial authorities.

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