



Trials of the Century

Presented by: Albert Lindemann

Six Mondays
Oct 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, & 14, 2016

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Valle Verde Social Room
900 Calle de los Amigos, Santa Barbara

In the past hundred years, many trials have been termed “the trial of the century.” Each of them was, in important ways, more than a trial; each gained international attention and was front-page news for an extended time, most provoked intense media attention, and all awakened passions of astonishing power. Many scholarly studies have been devoted to them; they have also inspired works of art, novels, movies, plays (even musicals), paintings, and docudramas. Of the approximately twenty trials this course will feature (some only briefly), most had to do with race or religion (often both), probing sore spots in our national psyche in highly revealing ways.

A trial that endured for most of the summer of the year 1996, that of O. J. Simpson, has inspired much commentary this year, its twentieth anniversary. The course will begin with an examination of it, including a survey of trials before and after it that have gained fame or notoriety, such as the Scottsboro Boys, Emmett Till, Bernhard Goetz, Rodney King, Tawana Brawley (false rape charges), George Zimmerman (Trayvon Martin killing), and Freddie Gray (alleged brutality by arresting officers).

Depending on time and the interests of members of the class, the following trials (given abbreviated titles) will be examined, in terms of how scholars now understand them and the works of art and imagination they have inspired: Dreyfus, Frank, Beilis, Sacco and Vanzetti, Loeb and Leopold, Scopes “Monkey Trial,” Moscow Blood Purge Trials, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the Nuremberg Tribunals, Adolf Eichmann, Jonathan Pollard, and Bernie Madoff.

Deadline for registration: October 3rd

Enrollment Form: *Trials of Century*– Oct 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7 & 14
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BIOGRAPHY: *Albert Lindemann* is professor emeritus of history at UCSB. He received his PhD in history from Harvard and came to UCSB in 1966. He is the author of *Anti-Semitism before the Holocaust* (Longman, 2000), *Esau's Tears: Modern Anti-Semitism and the Rise of the Jews* (Cambridge University Press, 1997), *Antisemitism: A History* (Oxford University Press, 2010), *The Jew Accused: Three Anti-Semitic Affairs (Dreyfus, Beilis, Frank), 1894-1915* (Cambridge University Press, 1991), *A History of Modern Europe, from 1815 to the Present, A History of European Socialism* (Yale University Press, 1983), and *The "Red Years": European Socialism vs. Bolshevism, 1919-21* (University of California Press, 1974). He was named "Distinguished Teacher of the Year, 1993-4" by the UCSB Academic Senate; "Distinguished Senior Lecturer," September 1994, University of Wisconsin; Visiting Scholar, Wolfson College, Cambridge University, winter-spring 1997; and "Outstanding Faculty Member, 1999-2000 (Award of the Residence Halls at UCSB).



In Fall 2015 he taught "Stalin and Hitler: *Power and Evil in History*" for VISTAS.



VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Annual Picnic	Sunday, September 11	12:30 pm	Tuckers Grove
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Nonfiction Book Club	3rd Wed Monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre
Cinematographic Elections	Mon, Sept 12,19,26	9:30 am	Maravilla Theater
Initiative/Referendum Process	Thur, Sept 29, Oct 6,13	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Trials of the Century	Mon, Oct 10-Nov 14	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Poetry & Metaphor	Tues, Oct 18,25, Nov 1	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
LGBT/Transgender/Transsexual: What Is Being Taught in College Courses Today?	Tues, Oct 25	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Post Election Analysis	Thurs, Nov 10	1:30 pm	Goleta Library
Eleanor Roosevelt	Wed, Nov 16	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
Brazil's Econ/Political	TBD	TBD	TBD