HSTCMP 290/JEW ST 289

Jews and Money: Myths and Reality

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Monday & Wednesday 8:30-10:20

This course explores the economic activities of Jews from the Middle Ages to the modern period. It focuses on how Jewish economic activity was perceived by non-Jews and how Jews became a symbol for economic activities such as money-lending, international commerce, and the emergence of capitalism. We will also discuss how genomic discourses pushed Jews to the center and simultaneously to the periphery of racial discourse in the United States.

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