

CLIMATE, CRIME & HUMAN RIGHTS

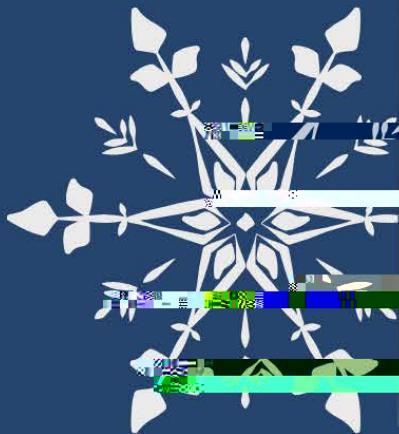
Winter 2024-25 | Nimisha Sinha

Credits: C, T, (H and D pending)

Asynchronous

Write to nsinha@bing with questions

In this class, we will listen to select true crime podcasts about ~~counter~~terrists, the Flint water crisis, and Hurricane Katrina. We will consider 1) how true crime stories narrate state violence, 2) if climate violence can be understood criminally, and 3) how human rights address or fail to address climate change. We will analyze a variety of podcasts, from “immersive soundscapes” to investigative journalism. Assignments include a variety of short writing.

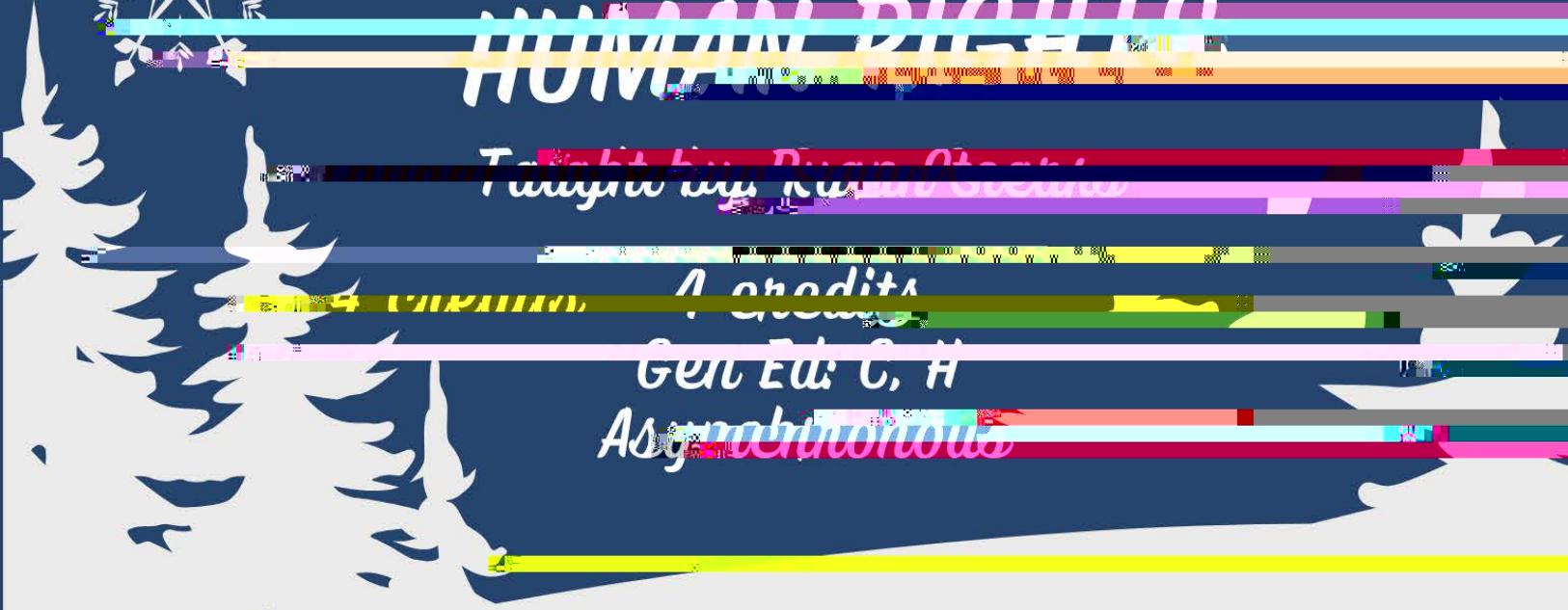


HMRT 300M: U DON K HUMAN RIGHTS

Taught by Ryan O'Connor

4 credits

Gen Ed: C, H
Assignment: none



This course focuses on human rights in the Korean music industry. It examines how South Korea's neoliberal economic policies, particularly from 1991 to 1997, led to the Asian financial crisis. Through the first K-pop idol group H.O.T. in 1996 and the first girl group S.E.S. in 1997, to second generation groups such as BIGBANG and Girls' Generation, and, finally, more recent groups such as EXO, BTS, Red Velvet, Twice, T-ara, BLACKPINK, Stray Kids, LOONA, SuperM, and others, this course aims to examine human rights within both the Korean and South Korean music industries. It looks at the exploitation of K-pop idols and trainees, to discrimination against women, foreign workers, the LGBTQ+ community, and racial and ethnic minorities. How has the East Asian model of capitalism, the 1997 Asian financial crisis, and subsequent neoliberal policies of South Korea, all of which derived from Western influence, affected South Korean culture?