The Course is centered on the emergence of the categories and principles of the *ius criminale* (as understood in its two dimensions: substantive and procedural) in the *ius civile* and the *ius canonicum*. The chronological boundaries of the Course will be medieval and modern Europe in the context of the system of the *ius commune*. The scholars called to give lectures in the Course have been asked to base their presentations on the edited and unedited sources, while emphasizing specific significant trends in the history of law and the history of criminal procedure. The lectures will draw upon the works of the medieval jurists and from the great tradition of modern criminal scholarship, as well as from other sources. In their examination of substantive penal law, the jurists created broad and narrow principles to define intentionality, negligence, circumstantial evidence, and proportional penalties. In terms of procedure, they constructed the *ordo iudiciarius*, accusatorial and inquisitorial modes of proof, and divided judicial procedure into its component parts, from the beginning of the process until the final judgment. They analyzed the various modes of proof and carefully weighed their validity. They discussed the evidence required to torture and the limitations placed on torture. The jurists also examined the problems raised by the rules of procedure for a mode of proof *extra ordinem*, that was employed for *crimina excepta*. They established the assumptions and limits that governed the use of that procedure. The principles of the *ius criminale* that the jurists had formulated circulated throughout Europe and beyond, even if in altered forms depending on the place and on the jurisdiction. In the modern age the Course poses the question of ascertaining the role of the *ius commune* in the decisions of magistrates of the central courts. In these courts magistrates encountered the forms and principles of the *ius criminale* that is a guide and a limitation on their judgment (*arbitrium*), even if the rules of procedure left them ample room to function and manoeuvre.