## Spring 2022 HON 39X course descriptions

HON 491C (soon to be HON 395): CALDERWOOD SEM: GOING MEDIEVAL

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Ever since the term was coined, the Middle Ages has served as both an important historical category and a focus of popular fantasy. Scholars continue to debate key questions about the Middle Ages: When did it begin (and end)? Was it limited to Western Europe, or can one usefully speak of a global Middle Ages? In what ways does the Middle Ages continue to shape contemporary art, institutions, ideas, and prejudices? Even as academics debate **these** questions, the