Women in pink sari uniforms descend on an abusive husband and beat him with bamboo sticks; men in white hoods murder a man suspected of a sexual offense. What provokes these and other private individuals to band together and take the law into their own hands? This interdisciplinary course investigates the complex connections between citizen law enforcement, violence, and justice. Focusing on works of literature, history, and film, we will examine the origins of vigilantism and the socio-political and moral arguments used to justify it.

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Students taking this course can apply 3 credits towards any one of the following options:

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- **Humanities and Justice** (students can apply up to 9 credits of ISP classes towards Part 2 of the HJS major)
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