Syllabus

PREACHERS AND HOLINESS IN LATE MEDIEVAL CITIES - 39116

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 1

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Professor Esther Cohen

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Teaching Staff: Prof Esther Cohen
Course/Module description:
The course will deal with family and worship patterns in late medieval cities, using primary sources and research literature.

Course/Module aims:
Imparting knowledge
Imparting principles of historical thinking
Imparting primary expertise in source analysis

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Reading and understanding a professional article in English.
The ability to summarize briefly the argument of an article.
Development of a critical attitude towards written authorities.
Losing respect for historians, when necessary.
Analyzing a primary source.
Knowing the tools for finding materials necessary for the analysis.
Knowing something about life in medieval cities

Attendance requirements(%):
Attendance in at least 10 out of 13 meetings. Three consecutive absences will indicate dropping the course, unless you have a valid reason and have notified me of it.

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Teaching will be interactive, intended to provoke discussion and argument, letting the students reach the conclusions by themselves inasmuch as possible

Course/Module Content:
I – Private Life
1. Family structure and strategies
2. The memoires of Gregorio Dati
3. Family rituals
4. Children
5. Changing families
II – the Public and Sacred Life
1. A Banquets
2. Clothes
3. Preaching against extravagance  
4. Sermons and preaching  
5. Festivals  
6. Religious processions  

Required Reading:
Christiane Klapisch-Zuber, "The cruel mother: Maternity, widowhood, and dowry in Florence in the 14th and 15th centuries," in her Women, Family, and Ritual in Renaissance Florence (Chicago, 1987), 117-131
http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/source/Bernardino-2sermons.asp
Mervyn James, "Ritual, drama and social body in the late medieval English town, The Corpus Christi Day rites Past and Present 98 (1983), 3-29.
Umiliana de’ Cerchi of Florence, in *Saints and Cities in Medieval Italy*, ed. Diana Webb (Manchester University Press, 2007), pp. 93-140

**Additional Reading Material:**
none

**Course/Module evaluation:**
End of year written/oral examination 50 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 30 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 10 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 10 %

**Additional information:**
10% of the final grade are for attendance