

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Jewish Press in Islamic Lands - 13535

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: History of Jewish People & Contemporary Jewry

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This course will explore the development of Jewish journalism in the Islamic world during the 19th and 20th centuries, a period marked by cultural, political, and social transformations among Jewish communities in the Balkans, the Middle East, and North Africa. Newspapers were published in various languages, including Hebrew, Judeo-Arabic, Ladino, Literary Arabic, French, Spanish, and Italian, reflecting the rich cultural tapestry of these communities. Each newspaper had its own guiding ideology, featuring diverse sections that provided readers with both global news and updates on the Jewish world, locally and regionally. These publications served as a mirror of the communities they represented, offering a fertile ground for research that will be examined in this course.

During the course, students will be required to choose a newspaper from the Islamic world, which they will research and write a paper on. This paper will later be published as a Wikipedia entry under the guidance of Orly Simon, Head of Library Processes at the National Library and an active Wikimedia project leader and Wikipedian.

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

By the end of the course, students will master the acquired body of knowledge and be trained in a critical reading of studies, while reading and analyzing various primary sources, and writing an academic historical essay. Additionally, the students will become familiar with various Wikimedia projects and will edit the Hebrew Wikipedia.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Each lesson is set to involve a discussion into an article and a close reading of a primary source, with students required to prepare an article for discussion in class.

Course/Module Content:

The Origins of Jewish Press in the Islamic World, Local Printing and Jewish Journalism, Newspaper Languages and Target Audiences, Jewish Press and the

Surrounding Society, Ideology and Journalism, Press as a Bridge Between Jewish Communities, Women in Journalism, Illustrated Press.

Required Reading:

A full list will be published on the Moodle system

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 40 %
Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture/ Seminar / Pro-seminar / Research proposal 25 %
Active Participation / Team Assignment 20 %
Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 15 %

Additional information: