Syllabus

THE THOUGHT OF R. ZADOK HA-KOHEN - 14928

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Jewish Thought

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:
**Course/Module description:**
The writings of Rabbi Zadok ha-Kohen of Lublin - A Hasidic Rebbe, posek, thinker and Kabbalist form some of the most fascinating and deep writings of Hasidism. During the course, selected parts of these writings will be read and analyzed, while focusing on main issues in his thought.

**Course/Module aims:**
To introduce main themes in the thought of R. Zadok ha-Kohan and provide methods for analyzing his writings.

**Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:**
To read and analyze parts of R. Zadok's writings on their own;
To recognize and understand main themes in his thought, with their complexities;
To explain the meaning of his writings in their context;
To compare main themes in his thought with other resources and to discuss the questions of influence.

**Attendance requirements(%):**
85%

**Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:** Lecture, close reading of texts and discussion

**Course/Module Content:**
*Introduction: R. Zadok ha-Kohen of Lublin, biography, historical and intellectual background, survey of his writings - characterizations, cenzership and editions; state of research

Readings in his writings:
*Two orders between Maharal and R. Zadok
*Light out of darkness:
---in the world;
---in history;
---in the human soul
---in the growth of Oral Torah
*'Zadik' vs. 'Ba'al te'shuva'
*Different perspectives on time
*Principals of symmetry in historiosophy;
---Between desires and perceptions;
---Within human psyche
*Wisdom vs. Prophecy
*Truth and controversy

**Required Reading:**
Selected parts of the following books
(Will be on the course's website):
צדקה הצדיק
קומץ המנחה
רסיסי לילה
משﺤבון חורין
dבר סופים
ليفון Malkim
דער צדיק
תקנת השבין
פוסק עקרין
קדושת שבת
פרי צדיק

Selected parts of the thesis in the list of additional reading.
Specific instructions will be given in the course.

**Additional Reading Material:**
Yaakov Elman, 'Reb Zadok HaKohen on Prophecy in Halakhic Process',


**Course/Module evaluation:**

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 80 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

**Additional information:**