Syllabus

MUHAMMAD AND THE JEWS - 16423

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Arabic Language and Literature

Academic year: 3

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew and Arabic

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Michael Lecker

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**Course/Module description:**
Readings on the relationship between the prophet Muhammad and the Jews of Arabia.

**Course/Module aims:**
To advance the students' command of Classical Arabic and their acquaintance with early Islamic literature.

**Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:**
- to analyze a text in Classical Arabic and interpret it in its correct literary and historical context.

**Attendance requirements(%):**
75

**Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:** reading and interpreting texts with the help of online dictionaries and parallel texts from computerized textual repositories.

**Course/Module Content:**
- **Muhammad and the Jews: basic issues**
- Jewish settlements in the Hijaz
- The biography of Muhammad by Ibn Ishaq and Ibn Hisham's epitome
- Political upheavals on the eve of Islam
- Muhammad's Hijra
- Muhammad settles in Zuhra
- Agreements with the Jewish tribes of the so-called Constitution of Medina
- The conflict with the Jews
- Qaynuqa`: Apologetics and History
- The fortress of Nadir and the war against them
The Qurayza massacre

The Hudaybiyya accord and the conquest of Khaybar

"The small massacre" of the Abu l-Huqayq family

Required Reading:


Additional Reading Material:
A. Barakat, Muhammad and the Jews: A re-examination, New Delhi: Vicas 1979

M. Gil, The creed of Abk mir, in Israel Oriental Studies 12 (1992), 9–57


J. Horovitz, Judaeo-Arabic relations in pre-Islamic times, in Islamic Culture 3 (1929) 99-176


M.J. Kister, On the wife of the goldsmith from Fadak and her progeny, in Le Museon

M. Lecker, A note on early marriage links between Qurash+s and Jewish women, in Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam 10 (1987), 17–39


M. Lecker, Idol worship in pre-Islamic Medina (Yathrib) in Le Musön 106 (1993) 331–46


M. Lecker, Abk Mūlik Abdallah b. Sūm of Kinda, a Jewish convert to Islam, in Der Islam 71 (1994), 280–82


M. Lecker, Ṭ`Amr b. $azm al-Anc[r and Qurन½n 2,256: No compulsion is there in religion, in Oriens

M. Lecker, Yahkd/uhkd: a variant reading in the story of the Aqaba meeting, in Le Musön


I. Lichtenstaedter, Some references to Jews in pre-Islamic Arabic literature in Proceedings of the American Academy of Jewish Research 10 (1940), 185–94


U. Rubin, The Assassination of Kab b. al-Ashraf, in Oriens 32 (1990), 65–71

W.M. Watt, The condemnation of the Jews of Bank Qurayṣah, in Muslim World 42 (1952), 160–71
A.J. Wensinck, Muhammad and the Jews of Medina, with an excursus:
Muhammad’s Constitution of Medina, by Julius Wellhausen, trans. and ed. by W. Behn, Freiburg im Breisgau 1975

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 70 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 30 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: