

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Selected Problems in Islamic History and Civiliz - 1987

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor) and 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: islamic & middle eastern studies

Academic year: 1

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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

Development of the critical approach to Islamic sources and studies.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal lectures and involvement of students in discussion.

Course/Module Content:

- 1.Pre-Islamic period.
- 2.Historical background to the emerge of Islam.
- 3.Critical approach to traditional description of Muhammad biography.
- 4.Critical approach to the Arabic sources of the Islamic conquests.
- 5.Jerusalem in Islam.
- 6.Arabization and Islamization-critical approach.
- 7.Development of the Shi'a as an independent religion and not a sect.
- 8.Modern religions out of Islam.

Required Reading:

1. לצרוס-יפה, חוה (עורכת). פרקים בתולדות הערבים והאסלאם תלאביב 1970 והוצאות נוספות
2. גולדציהר, יצחק יהודה. הרצאות על האסלאם, מוסד ביאליק, ירושלים תשי"א, פרקים 5, 6.
- לואיס, ברנרד. האיסלאם 3. בהיסטוריה, תל-אביב 1984, עמ' 197-230.
- שרון משה, הדת הבהאאית 4. וכתב הקודש שלה, מהדורה שניה, הוצאת כרמל, ירושלים, 2007.
5. Smith Peter, A Concise Encyclopaedia of the Bahā'ī Faith, One World Publication, 185 Banbury Rd. Oxford, OX2 7AR, England.
6. Guillaume, Alfred. Islam. Penguin Books. 1961.
7. Lewis, Bernard. The Middle East. London, Weidenfeld and Nicholson, 1995.
8. Idem. The Arabs in History. Many editions. (בהיסטוריה הערבים: עברית)
9. Kennedy, Hugh The prophet and the Age of the Caliphate. Longman, London and New York, 1986, 1988...
9. Sharon, Moshe. Judaism Christianity and Islam, Interaction and Conflict, Johannesburg, 1989, chapter 4.
10. Van Vloten, G. La Domination arabe le Chiitisme et les Croyances messianiques sous le Califat des Umayyades, Amsterdam, 1894.
11. Bausani, Alessandro, Religion in Iran, New York, 2000, pp. 111-146, 347-379.
12. Momen, Moojan. An Introduction to Shī'ī Islam, George Ronald, Oxford, 1985
13. Halm, Heinz. Shī'ism, Edinburgh, 1991.
14. Kohlberg Eitan. "The evolution of the Shī'ah" Jerusalem Quarterly, 27, 1983:109-125.
15. Momen, Moojan. The Bābī and Bahā'ī Religions, Some Contemporary Western Accounts, George Ronald Oxford, 1981.
16. Momen Moojan. Selection from the Writings of E. J. Browne on the Bābī and Bahā'ī Religions, George Ronald Oxford, 1987.
17. MacEoin. Denis, The sources for the Early Bābī Doctrine and History - a Survey. Brill, Leiden, 1992.
18. Sharon, Moshe: Black Banners from the east: chapter 5, p. 111-121.
19. Sharon, Moshe: "the development of the debate around the legitimacy of the authority in Early Islam" in Jerusalem studies in Arabic and Islam, June 1980.
20. Sharon, Moshe: 'The Decisive battles in the Arab conquest of Syria', Studia Orientalia 101 (2004), 297-357.
21. Grabar, Oleg: "Shape of the Holy", Early Islamic Jerusalem, 1996
22. Sharon, Moshe: "Shape of the Holy", Studia Orientalia 107, 2009.
23. Cambridge History of Islam, selected chapters.

Additional Reading Material:

1. לצרוס-יפה, חוה (עורכת). פרקים בתולדות הערבים והאסלאם תלאביב 1970 והוצאות נוספות
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23. *Cambridge History of Islam*, selected chapters.
24. שרון, משה: "קרבות ההכרעה", קתדרה 104, 2002.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 100 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: