

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

The Religious Landscape of Contemporary Jerusalem - 24434

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Comparative Religion

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course will examine the various religious communities in Israel, in an attempt to understand in depth and the challenges facing the religious community in Israeli society today. During the course, we will look at the three religions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam, in present-day Israel, and will focus on the connection between religion and politics, and the tensions between the religious and the modern.

Course/Module aims:

1. Getting to know the religious communities in Jerusalem
2. Familiarity with the major religious bodies of the three religions in Israel
3. Examining religious discourse in Israeli society and its impact on Israel's status in the world
4. Understanding the influence of politics on religion and vice versa.
5. Knowledge of the tensions that characterize religious discourse in the modern world
6. Developing a critical vision for the effects of the religious dimension on Israeli society

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

1. Get to know the different religious communities in Israel
2. Analyze the religious discourse in Israel and its implication
3. Critically address religious attitudes used in Israeli politics
4. Recognize and analyze the effects of religious discourse on Israel's status in the world
5. Write a short research paper incorporating the use of primary and secondary sources

Attendance requirements(%):

70%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

1. 12.3.23 Sunday
The sanctity of Jerusalem for the three religions - a comparative view
2. 19.3.23 Sunday
Christianity denominations
3. 24.3.23 Friday, 9 - 13:00 Field trip:
Mount Zion: King David traditions in the three religions
4. 26.3.23 Sunday
The Christian liturgical calendar, Easter in Jerusalem and the ceremony of the Holy Fire
5. 16.4.23 Sunday 10 - 14:00 Field trip:
Easter at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
6. 28.4.23 Friday, 9 - 13:00 Field trip:
Armenians and Christian education in JL
7. 7.5.23 Sunday
The sanctity of Jerusalem in Islam
8. 14.5.23 Sunday
Lesson or Field trip: Al Aqsa Mosque
9. 18.5.23 Thursday, 9 - 11:00 Field trip:
Feast of the Ascension in the site of the Ascension
10. 21.5 Sunday
The ultra-orthodox world
11. 28.5.23 Sunday 10:00 - 14:00 Field trip:
Tour: Abu Ghosh and Tellez Stone
12. 4.6.23 Sunday
Currents in Judaism
13. 13-14.6.23 Tuesday & Wednesday Field trip to the north: the Islamic movement in Kfar Qasem, Sufis at Al Qasmi College in Baka al Garbiyah, the Ahmadiyya Mosque in Haifa, overnight at the Pilgrims' Hostel, Eliyahu's Cave, the Baha'i Temple, Druze in Carmel
14. 18.6.23 Sunday
The inter-religious dialogue in Israel
15. 25.6.23 Sunday 12:00 - 14:00 Field trip:
Saint Louis French Hospital: a convent with a kosher kitchen.

Required Reading:

the Christians in Israel today? in: Writing from the Holy Land, STS Publications, Jerusalem, 2017, pp. 11-30

סיור להר ציון: גלגולי מסורות בשלוש הדתות. קריאת הכנה: אורה לימור, 'קבר דוד בהר-ציון: למקורותיה של מסורת', בתוך: אורה לימור [עורכת], עלייה לרגל: יהודים, נוצרים, מוסלמים – אסופת מאמרים (רעננה, בית ההוצאה לאור של האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 2005), עמ' 255-267; רייטר יצחק, הווקף בירושלים: 1948-1990. (ירושלים: מכון ירושלים לחקר ישראל, 1991). עמ'

11-5;

4. לוח החגים הנוצרי, הפסחא בירושלים וטקס האש הקדושה

קריאת הכנה:

<https://rossingcenter.org/he/christianitys/%D7%97%D7%92%D7%99%D7%9D-%D7%95%D7%9E%D7%95%D7%A2%D7%93%D7%99%D7%9D-%D7%A0%D7%95%D7%A6%D7%A8%D7%99%D7%9D-%D7%94%D7%A7%D7%93%D7%9E%D7%94/>

סיור - הפסחא האורתודוכסי בכנסיית הקבר. קריאת הכנה:

Robert Curzon, *Visits to Monasteries in the Levant*, 1881.

סיור - ארמנים ומערכת החינוך הנוצרית בירושלים

קריאת הכנה:

אמנון רמון, הגורם הנוצרי, העיר העתיקה ושאלת ירושלים - העיר העתיקה סיכום בעקבות דיוני צוות חשיבה. (ירושלים: מכון ירושלים לחקר ישראל, רות לפידות ואמנון רמון, 2002). עמ' 139 - 158.

שעור: קדושת ירושלים באסלאם

קריאת הכנה:

יורם ארדר, אביבה חלמיש, דפנה אפרת, ירושלים בתקופה האסלאמית הראשונה 638 - 1099, (רעננה: הוצאת האוניברסיטה הפתוחה 2016), 57 - 84.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 70 %

Project work 15 %

Assignments 15 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

During the course there will be 7 mandatory tours. Tour dates will be published at the beginning of the academic year.