The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Third Reich II: Theology and Politics from Enlightenment to Nazism - 32112

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: German Language & Literature

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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<u>Teaching Staff:</u>
  Prof Christoph Schmidt

<u>Course/Module description:</u>
  In this course we shall reconstruct the idea of the third Reich as the theological fundament of German politics from the enlightenment to Nazism and after. Although modern culture is supposed to be secular, it in fact adopts the very eschatology of Christian belief, in order to translate it into a historical political practice. German modernity can be seen as the drama of the catastrophic translation of this utopia into Nazi politics.

<u>Course/Module aims:</u>
  Knowledge and Critique

<u>Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:</u>
  Knowledge and Critique

<u>Attendance requirements(%):</u>
  100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Reading and Debating

<u>Course/Module Content:</u>
  Politics
Theology
Christianity
Messianism
Modernity
Enlightenment
Nazism

<u>Required Reading:</u>
 1 G.E.Lessing: The Education of the Human Kind
2 F.Schiller: Letters on Aesthetical Education
3 G.F.W.Hegel: Introduction to the Philosophy of History
4 H.Heine: Religion and Philosophy in Germany
5 E.Bloch: Thomas Muenzer - The theologican of the Revolution

6 Moeller van den Bruck: The Third Reich

Additional Reading Material:
K.Loewith: Meaning in History
E.Voegelin: New Science of Politics
H.de Lubac: La Posterite spirituelle de Joachim de Fiore

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 75 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 25 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
The ist of books might be changed according to needs in class