Syllabus

Introduction to Islam in South Asia - 35330

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Asian Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
South Asia is home to a host of remarkably diverse Muslim communities making up about a third of the global Muslim population. The course will survey the history of Muslim presence in South Asia, the political and social changes among Indian Muslims in the colonial period and the interaction with the Hindu majority from the 8th century to the 20th century. Other themes we will examine will be Islamization, Sufism and popular religion, language, literature and poetry and feminine voices in Muslims traditions of South Asia.

Course/Module aims:
Introduction to the rich history of Muslim communities in South Asia. A re-examination of the categories “Hindu” and “Muslim” which shaped the modern political map of South Asia.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
- Exhibit good basic knowledge of the main developments in the history of Muslim communities in South Asia.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the main historiographic issues related to Islam in South Asia.
- To critically engage the scholarship on these topics.

Attendance requirements(%): 100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture and class discussion.

Course/Module Content:
- Introduction to the Course: defining key terms, geographical scope and period
- Early Muslim Presence in South Asia from the 8th to the 12th Century
- The Delhi Sultanate
- Mughals 1: Historical survey
- Mughals 2: Mughal heritage, art and architecture
- The Deccan Sultanates and Vijayanagar Empire
- Sufism
- Islamization
- British Colonialism and Reactions to Colonialism: Reform movements among Indian Muslims in the 19th and early 20th century
Women, Reform and Political Identity
Who is a Muslim? The Ismailis and Ahmadiyya as Case-Study
Urdu, Hindi and Political Identity at the Turn of the 20th Century

Required Reading:

Additional Reading Material:


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: