The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Reading a Cloud: Kalidasa's Meghaduta and other Messengers - 35890

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<u>HU Credits:</u> 2

<u>Degree/Cycle:</u> 2nd degree (Master)

<u>Responsible Department:</u> Asian Studies

<u>Academic year:</u> 0

<u>Semester:</u> 2nd Semester

<u>Teaching Languages:</u> Hebrew

<u>Campus:</u> Mt. Scopus

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<u>Course/Module description:</u>
  The Cloud Messenger (Meghadūta), written by Kālidāsa in the fourth or fifth century, is the
most popular and influential poems ever written in India, and it marked the beginning of a highly prolific genre of "Courier Poems." In this class we will read Kalidasa's classical poem, some of its commentaries, and if time allows, some of the poetic responses to it in Sanskrit.

<u>Course/Module aims:</u>
  The course has two main goals. First, to impart the students with a quick and smooth technique of reading Sanskrit, both from the root text of Kalidasa and from the commentaries on it. Second, to familiarize the students with the genre of Sanskrit poetry and its basic concepts.

<u>Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:</u>
  To read smoothly and quickly a Sanskrit poetic text of medium difficulty, to learn how to make good use of the commentaries, and to understand and enjoy the literature.

<u>Attendance requirements(%):</u>
  As per divisional policies.

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Reading, rereading, and reading again and again. This requires preparation at home on a daily basis and active participating in class.

<u>Course/Module Content:</u>
  See details on the course's moodle site.

<u>Required Reading:</u>
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 <u>Additional Reading Material:</u>

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 85 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 15 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
  Graduate students will be required to submit an additional assignment. Advanced undergraduate students will be graded based solely on the final exam and attendance.