

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Iran and the Caucasus - 38864

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Islamic & Middle East Stud.

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The Caucasus Region, bordering the Caspian Sea, The Black Sea, the Caucasus Mountains and the Iranian Plateau is a fascinating area holding great significance for the modern history of its surrounding countries. This course will expose students to the heterogenous, vibrant, and revolutionary of the relations between Iran and the Caucasus, mostly during the 19th and early 20th centuries. The course will examine political movements, cultural developments, and social and economic issues that made the Caucasus into an important contact zone.

Course/Module aims:

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

- 1. To point out the central historical developments of the Iranian Caucasus.*
- 2. To find and present in class a primary source relevant to the topics learned in class.*
- 3. To point out the importance of the Caucasus in modern Iranian history.*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Discussion of primary and secondary sources in class.

Course/Module Content:

The Russo-Iranian Wars of the Early 19th Century

Social History of the Caucasus at the Turn of the 20th Century

The Caucasus and the Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1905-1911

Cultural History of the Iranian Caucasus

Iran and the Caucasus in Recent Decades

Required Reading:

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- Oleg Kuznetsov, "The Treaty of Gulistan: 200 Years After (The Russo-Persian War of 1804-1813 and the Treaty of Gulistan in the Context of Its 200th Anniversary)", *The Caucasus and Globalization* 7, issue 3-4 (2013), 141-156.
 - Maziar Behrooz, "Revisiting the Second Russo-Iranian War (1826-28): Causes and Perceptions", *Iranian Studies* 46, no. 3 (2013), 359-381.
 - James Stone, "Bismarck and the Great Game: Germany and Anglo-Russian Rivalry in Central Asia, 1871-1890", *Central European History* 48 (2015), 151-175.
 - Touraj Atabaki, "Disgruntled Guests: Iranian Subaltern on the Margins of the Tsarist Empire", *International Review of Social History* 48, no. 3 (2003), 401-426.
 - Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky, "Becoming Armenian: Religious Conversions in the Late Imperial South Caucasus", *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 63, no. 1 (2021), 242-272.
 - Soli Shahvar and Anatoly Mishaev, "Illegal Trafficking of Ammunition Along the Iran-Caucasian Border in the Early 20th Century", *Iran and the Caucasus* 26 (2022), 289-303.
 - Houri Berberian, *Roving Revolutionaries: Armenians and the Connected Revolutions in the Russian, Iranian, and Ottoman Worlds*, (University of California Press, 2019).
 - Moritz Deutschmann, "Cultures of Statehood, Cultures of Revolution: Caucasian Revolutionaries in the Iranian Constitutional Movement, 1906-1911", *Ab Imperio* 2 (2013), 165-190.
 - Sohrab Yazdani, "The question of the Iranian Ijtima'iyun-i Amiyun Party", in Stephanie Cronin (ed.) *Iranian-Russian Encounters: Empires and Revolutions since 1800*, (London: Routledge, 2012), 189-206.
 - Solmaz Rustamova-Tohidi, "A Community in Turmoil: The Iranians of the Caucasus and the Russian Revolutions (1900-1920)", *Khazar Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 5-22.
 - Kelsey Rice, "Emissaries of Enlightenment: Azeri Theater Troupes in Iran and Central Asia, 1906-44", *Iranian Studies* 54, no. 3-4 (2021), 427-451.
 - Janet Afary and Kamran Afary, "Mollā Nasreddin and the Creative Cauldron of Transcaucasia", *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 48, no. 4 (2021), 563-595.
 - Elaheh Koolaee, Hamed Mousavi, Afifeh Abedi, "Fluctuations in Iran-Russia Relations During the Past Four Decades", *Iran and the Caucasus* 24 (2020) 216-232.
 - Mahmood Monshipouri, Javad Heiran-Nia, "Iran's Security Interests and Policies in the South Caucasus", *Iran and the Caucasus* 25 (2021), 284-300.

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 70 %

*Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports
/ Forum / Simulation / others 20 %*

Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture 10 %

Additional information: