

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

RELIGION AND SOCIETY IN 16TH-CENTURY GERMANY - 39054

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 1

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course will explore the fundamental religious transformations that occurred in Germany during the 16th century, namely the Protestant Reformation and the Catholic renewal which followed it. In particular, we will focus on the impact of the religious upheavals on various social groups, such as the peasants, townspeople, women, and Jews. We shall discuss the relationship between religion and society in 16th-century Germany, and the role of social forces and interests in shaping the religious map in Germany during the Reformation and its aftermath. The course will focus on the reading and analysis of primary sources, as well as research literature on the social history of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation.

Course/Module aims:

The course seeks to introduce the students to the religious and social transformations that took place in 16th-century Germany, and to the intricate relationship between religion and society in this important period in European history.

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

- Explain the background to the Reformation and the reasons for its success
- Describe the main outlines of Luther's theological teaching
- Assess the significance of the printing press for the dissemination of the Reformation in general, and among the lower strata of society in particular
- Assess the relationship between the theological and social motivations in the peasants' war and in the evolution of Anabaptism
- Explain and evaluate the influence of the Reformation on various social groups, such as city dwellers, women, and Jews

Attendance requirements(%):

80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: A small portion of the course will be in the form of a frontal lecture. The lion's share will comprise reading analyses of primary sources and secondary literature by the students, as well as discussions in class

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction
2. Historical background: Europe and the Catholic Church on the eve of the Reformation
3. Martin Luther and his theological teachings
4. The print revolution
5. The "pamphlets-war"
7. The peasants' war
8. The Anabaptists
10. Reformation in the cities
11. Women, household, family
12. The Jews in 16th-century Germany: conversions and transformations

Required Reading:

- יוג'ין פ' רייס (הבן) ואנתוני גרפטון, אירופה בראשית העת החדשה, 1460-1559, מהד' עברית שנייה מתוקנת, תל-אביב 2010, 129-134
- רייס וגרפטון, 111-117
- מירי אליאב-פלדון, הרפורמציה הפרוטסטנטית, תל-אביב 1997, פרק א
- Denys Hay, "The Background to the Reformation", in J. Hurstfield (ed.), *The Reformation Crisis*, New York 1965, 8-20
- Lewis W. Spitz, *The Protestant Reformation 1517-1559*, St. Louis 2001 [1985], 44-48, 57-68
- רייס וגרפטון, 135-140
- אליאב-פלדון, הרפורמציה הפרוטסטנטית, פרקים ב-ד
- רייס וגרפטון, 11-18
- מירי אליאב-פלדון, מהפכת הדפוס, תל אביב 2000, פרקים ג-ה, ח
- Miriam U. Chrisman, "Printing and the Evolution of Lay Culture in Strasbourg, 1480-1599", in R. Po-chia Hsia (ed.), *The German People and the Reformation*, Ithaca 1988, 74-100
- R. W. Scribner, *For the Sake of Simple Folk*. Oxford 1994, Ch. 1
- Hans J. Hillerbrand, "The Antichrist in the Early German Reformation: Reflections on Theology and Propaganda", in A. Fix & S. Karant-Nunn (eds.), *Germania Illustrata: Essays on Early Modern Germany Presented to Gerald Strauss*, Kirksville, MS 1992, 3-18
- רייס וגרפטון, 157-160
- Peter Blickle, "The Divine Law of the Peasants and the Divine Justice of the Reformers", in idem, *From the Communal Reformation to the Revolution of the Common Man*, Leiden 1998, 147-161
- H.G. Koenigsberger, "The Reformation and Social Revolution", in J. Hurstfield (ed.), *Reformation Crisis*, New York 1965, 83-94
- רייס וגרפטון, 144-147
- אליאב-פלדון, הרפורמציה הפרוטסטנטית, פרק ח
- R. Po-chia Hsia, "Münster and the Anabaptists," in *German People and the Reformation*, 51-69

Spitz, *Protestant Reformation*, 166-178
 Dixon, *Reformation in Germany*, 98-114
 Thomas A. Brady, Jr., "In Search of the Godly City: The Domestication of Religion in the German Urban Reformation," in *German People and the Reformation*, 14-32
 R.W. Scribner, "Civic Unity and the Reformation in Erfurt," *Past and Present* 66 (1975), 29-60
 Lorna Jane Abray, "The Laity's Religion: Lutheranism in Sixteenth-Century Strasbourg," in *German People and the Reformation*, 216-232
 Heide Wunder, "Gender Norms and Their Enforcement in Early Modern Germany," in Lynn Abrams and Elizabeth Harvey (eds.), *Gender Relations in German History*, London 1996, 39-56
 Susan Karant-Nunn, "Kinder, Küche, Kirche: Social Ideology in the Sermons of Johannes Mathesius," in *Germania Illustrata*, 121-140
 Merry Wiesner, "Women's Response to the Reformation," in *German People and the Reformation*, 148-172
 מרדכי ברויאר ומיכאל גרץ, תולדות יהודי גרמניה בעת החדשה, כרך א: 1600-1780, ירושלים 2000, פרקים 6-10
 Elisheva Carlebach, *Divided Souls: Converts from Judaism in Germany, 1500-1750*, New Haven and London, 2001, Ch. 2-3
 חוה פרנקל-גולדשמידט, "בשולי החברה היהודית: מומרים יהודים בגרמניה בתקופת הרפורמציה," בתוך: ראובן בונפיל ואחרים (עורכים), תרבות וחברה בתולדות ישראל בימי-הביניים, ירושלים 1989, 623-654
 רייס וגרפטון, 149-155
 אליאב-פלדון, הרפורמציה הפרוטסטנטית, פרקים ט, י"ב
 Dixon, *Reformation in Germany*, Ch. 5
 Heinz Schilling, "Confessionalization in the Empire: Religious and Societal Change in Germany between 1555 and 1620", in idem, *Religion, Political Culture and the Emergence of Early Modern Society*, trans. by Stephen G. Burnett, Leiden 1992, 222-232
 Spitz, *Protestant Reformation*, 324-335, 356-359

Additional Reading Material:

Hans J. Hillerbrand, *Historical Dictionary of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation*, Lanham, Md. 2000
 Hans J. Hillerbrand (ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation*, New York 1996
 R. Po-chia Hsia (ed.), *A Companion to the Reformation World*, Malden, MA 2006
 A.G. Dickens, *Reformation and Society in Sixteenth-Century Europe*, London 1966
 C. Scott Dixon, *The Reformation in Germany*, Oxford 2002

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 A.G. Dickens, *Reformation and Society in Sixteenth-Century Europe*, London 1966, 29-51

C. Scott Dixon, *The Reformation in Germany*, Oxford 2002, 1-19, 33-42
Dickens, *Reformation and Society*, Ch. 3
Dixon, *Reformation in Germany*, 21-33, 42-58
Gordon Rupp, "Luther and the Reformation", in *Hurstfield, Reformation Crisis*, 21-31

Tom Scott, "The Peasants' War," in R. Po-chia Hsia (ed.), *A Companion to the Reformation World*, Malden, MA 2006, 56-69
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Spitz, *Protestant Reformation*, 106-111
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H-J Goertz, "Radical Religiosity in the German Reformation," in *Companion to the Reformation World*, 70-85
Dickens, *Reformation and Society*, Ch. 7
Steven Ozment, *When Fathers Ruled: Family Life in Reformation Europe*, Cambridge, Mass. 1983
Ulinka Rublack, "Meanings of Gender in Early Modern German History," in idem (ed.), *Gender in Early Modern German History*, Cambridge 2002, 1-18
Miriam Bodian, "The Reformation and the Jews", in Jeremy Cohen and Moshe Rosman (eds.), *Rethinking European Jewish History*, Oxford 2009
R. Po-chia Hsia, "Between State and Community: Religious and Ethnic Minorities in Early Modern Germany," in *Germania Illustrata*, 169-180
Gerald Strauss, "Success and Failure in the German Reformation", in *German Reformation*, 221-258
Bob Scribner, "Germany", in Bob Scribner et al. (eds.), *The Reformation in National Context*, Cambridge 1994, 4-29

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 60 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 20 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: