



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Religion Culture Nation: Rights in 19th Century German Discourse - 39067

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

Are religion and politics necessarily connected? How and why does one distinguish between religion and culture? And how do these categories determine rights and legal status? In this course we will examine inter-religious and inter-confessional tensions in the German territories in the 19th century, with an emphasis on the conceptualization and legislation of religious rights. We will examine how the definition of "religion" became a point of contention between liberals and conservatives, and how this affected religious minorities, primarily Catholics and Jews. We will examine how the definition of religious freedom as a private matter of conscience affected freedom of worship in public spaces; whether, and in what way, ethnic, national, and cultural elements informed religious divisions; how legal and political controversies surrounding mixed marriages were managed; when and how having no religion at all become a legal option; and more. We will put these broad issues in specific historical contexts pertaining to inter-confessional tensions and the question of Jewish emancipation.

Course/Module aims:

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

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) be versed in the topic of the course*
- 2) analyze primary sources in light of existing research*
- 3) approach existing research critically*

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

- 1. Introduction*
- 2. The land of the Reformation*
- 3. The Cologne Troubles, 1837*

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4. *The Trier Pilgrimage, 1844*
 5. *The German-Catholic movement*
 6. *The question of Jewish emancipation in Baden*
 7. *Gabriel Riesser in Hamburg – Judaism as a confession*
 8. *The 1848 revolutions and the question of secularization*
 9. *The revolutions and the Jews*
 10. *Christian conservatives between state and church*
 11. *Unification and the Catholic Center Party*
 12. *The Kulturkampf – culture war or war of religion?*
 13. *Judaism as race – Wilhelm Marr*
 14. *The antisemitism controversy, 1879-1881*

Required Reading:

Anderson, Margaret Lavinia. "The Kulturkampf and the Course of German History." *Central European History* 19, no. 1 (1986): 82–115.

Clark, Christopher. "From 1848 to Christian Democracy." In *Religion and the Political Imagination*, edited by Gareth Stedman Jones and Ira Katznelson, 190–213. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Doney, Skye. "4. Rending Religiosity: Johannes Ronge and the 1840s Trier Controversy." In *The Persistence of the Sacred: German Catholic Pilgrimage, 1832–1937*, 119–47. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2022.

Green, Abigail. "1848 and Beyond: Jews in the National and International Politics of Secularism and Revolution." In *Jews, Liberalism, Antisemitism: A Global History*, edited by Abigail Green and Simon Levis Sullam, 341–64. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2020.

Grell, Ole Peter. "Introduction." In *Tolerance and Intolerance in the European Reformation*, edited by Bob Scribner and Ole Peter Grell, 1–12. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.

Gross, Michael B. "Kulturkampf, Unification, and the War against Catholicism." In *The War against Catholicism: Liberalism and the Anti-Catholic Imagination in Nineteenth-Century Germany*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2004.

Henke, Manfred. "Toleration and Repression: German States, the Law and the 'Sects' in the Long Nineteenth Century." *Studies in Church History* 56 (June 2020): 338–61.

Herzog, D. "The Rise of the Religious Right and the Recasting of the 'Jewish Question'. Baden in the 1840s." *The Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook* 40, no. 1 (January 1, 1995): 185–208.

Herzog, Dagmar. "Bodies and Souls." In *Intimacy & Exclusion: Religious Politics in Pre-Revolutionary Baden, 19–52*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996.

Lee II, James Ambrose. "Issues in Religious Freedom: The Cologne Affair and the Kniebeugungsstreit." In *Oxford History of Modern German Theology, Volume 1: 1781-1848*, edited by Grant Kaplan and Kevin M. Vander Schel, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023.

Weir, Todd H., ed. "Dissidence and Confession, 1845 to 1847." In *Secularism and Religion in Nineteenth-Century Germany: The Rise of the Fourth Confession*, 29–65. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

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ארנסברג, גד. גבריאלי ריסר-אינטלקטואל גרמני-יהודי כאידיאולוג ליברלי. תל-אביב: אוניברסיטת תל-אביב, 1990.

צימרמן, משה. וילהלם מאר "הפטריארך של האנטישמיות": לראשית האנטישמיות המודרנית. ירושלים: מרכז זלמן שזר, 1982.

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 85 %
Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 15 %

Additional information:

The syllabus is subject to changes and updates