



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Prague: Between the Hidden and the Revealed - 39356

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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:

Which aspects of its tremendous rich history does Prague try to conceal? Which past events, persons, places and objects does the metropolis disclose and stage? How and why are some parts of the city's history disguised, while others are accentuated and even celebrated? These are the key questions that will guide this seminar and the week-long stay in the capital of the Czech Republic.

Course/Module aims:

The aim of the excursion is to investigate the hidden and the revealed sides of Prague from the Middle Ages up to the present. In doing so, the seminar looks at the broader picture of historical narratives, myths and realities, of memory and forgetting in Central Europe.

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

- describe major events in the history of Prague,
- characterize Czech, German and Jewish historical narratives concerning Prague,
- recognize religious (Protestants, Hussites), cultural (Baroque, "Art Deco") and other heritages that shaped and still shape Prague,
- analyze Prague's "hidden and disclosed sites",
- explain national myths and processes regarding "memory and forgetting" in Prague in specific and in Central Europe in general.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Excursion and discussions

Course/Module Content:

*Lesson 1: Thursday, March 16, 2023, 12:30-14:00
History of Prague: From the Middle Ages to the 18th Century*

Lesson 2: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 12:30-14:00
History of Prague: 1848-1918

Lesson 3, Thursday, March 30, 2023, 12:30-14:00
History of Prague: 1919-1945

Lesson 4: Thursday, April 20, 2023, 12:30-14:00
History of Prague: 1945-today

Excursion: April 23-30, 2023

Lesson 5: Thursday, May 4, 2023, 12:30-14:00
Prague – Between the Hidden and the Revealed: The City's Confrontation with Its Past

Required Reading:

For the required reading material, see the course's Moodle site.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 100 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:

Requirements:

- interested students are required to submit a statement (up to half a page) explaining the reasons for their interest in the excursion. The statement must be send by email until 15.9.2022 to iris.nachum@mail.huji.ac.il. Course participants will be chosen from the applications submitted.*
- attend four preparatory meetings and one concluding meeting,*
- participate in the study trip,*
- option 1: submit a written work (8-9 pages) after the study trip, or*

- option 2: give a short presentation ("Referat") during the excursion and submit a seminar paper (25 pages).