



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

COLONIAL ENCOUNTERS - 39934

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 3

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Moshe Sluhovsky

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Prof Moshe Sluhovsky

Course/Module description:

Colonial encounters between European navigators, conquerors, and settlers shaped the history of both Europe and the rest of the world at the same time that they shaped Europe itself. The purpose of this seminar is to encounter some of these points of contact between civilizations. Starting with Christopher Columbus's voyage, the encounter gave shape to ideological, theological, commercial, racial, and gendered perceptions of other peoples and other cultures. We will read and analyze some of the major representations of colonial encounters in Western and non-Western literature.

Course/Module aims:

comprehension of the processes of colonialization and post-colonialization and the relations between economic, cultural and ideological processes; Introduction to feminist, post-colonial, and queer-theory reading methods.

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

to understand better the history of the global history of the last 500 years and learn to read texts in more sophisticated manners

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: weekly discussions in class, students are responsible for conducting the discussions

Course/Module Content:

Columbus and the Spanish expansion; early modern critiques of colonialism; Shakespeare; Enlightenment and Colonialism; Orientalism; women and the orient; sexuality and colonialism; homoeroticism and orientalism; post-colonial theory

Required Reading:

see Hebrew

Additional Reading Material:

none

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 70 %

Assignments 20 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: