



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *The Paleolithic of Central Asia and Siberia - 43472*

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*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: Archaeology & Ancient near East*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Yossi Zaidner*

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Course/Module description:

*In Siberia and Central Asia, the richest evidence for Paleolithic cultures derives from Uzbekistan, Ural and Altay mountain ranges and the southern part of the West Siberian Plain. The region is unique due to the coexistence of Neanderthals and Denisovans ca 200-50 thousand years ago. The early Modern Humans dispersed into the region ca 50-45 thousand years ago. The region is also known for the earliest occurrence of the cave art outside of western Europe (ca 15-10 thousand years ago in Ural Mountains) and it preserves uniquely well-preserved record for human presence to the north of Arctic circle dated to 20-10 ky ago.*

*The course will present the geography of the region, and its rich archaeological, anthropological and paleo-genetic records of the last 300 thousand years.*

Course/Module aims:

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

*Knowledge of geography, paleo-climate and ancient cultures of Siberia and Central Asia*

Attendance requirements(%):

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:*

Course/Module Content:

N/A

Required Reading:

N/A

Additional Reading Material:

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Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 5 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 70 %

Assignments 15 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: