Syllabus

CHINGGIS KHAN AND HIS HEIRS: THE MONGOLS IN WORL - 46557

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Asian Studies

Academic year: 2

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Teaching Languages: Hebrew

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Course/Module description:

Course/Module aims:

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

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

CHINGGIS KHAN AND HIS HEIRS: THE MONGOLS IN WORLD HISTORY, BA Seminar, 2013-14

Professor Michal Biran
Classes and Reading Materials

1. Introduction: Orientation, Geography and Sources

Recommended:

2. Pastoral Nomadism; Nomadic Empires Before the Rise of the Mongols.
Morgan, The Mongols, 32-44

Recommended:
R. Amitai and M. Biran, "Introduction," in their edited volume, Mongols, Turks and
3. Asia on the Eve of the Rise of Chinggis Khan
Morgan, The Mongols, 44-54
Or
M. Biran, Chinggis Khan (Oxford, 2007), ch. 1

Section A: Political History

4. Chinggis Khan and the Rise of the Mongol Empire
Juwayni, in J.A. Boyle (tr.), The History of World Conqueror (Manchester, 1958), vol.1, 34-39. [DS22 J613/0159254].
Igor deRachewiltz (translated and annotated), The Secret History of the Mongols (Leiden, 2004), Vol. 1, pp. 1-16 (see also commentary pp. 221-340)
Morgan, The Mongols, 55-73; or Biran, Chinggis Khan, ch. 2

Recommended:
P. Rachnevsky, Genghis Khan (Oxford, 1991), 1-169

5. Chinggis Khan's Conquests: Between China and the Muslim World
Juwayni, 1: 77-81, 133-35.
The Secret History, ch.11, at least par. 254-255, pp. 181-188.
Biran, Chinggis Khan, ch. 2

6. The United Empire: Between Chinggis Khan and Qubilai Khan — Part A

Recommended:

7. The United Empire: Between Chinggis Khan and Qubilai Khan — Part B

Recommended:
Th. T. Allsen, Mongol Imperialism (Berkeley, 1989).
8. Qubilai Khan and the Establishment of the Yuan Dynasty
Morgan, The Mongols, 112-123

Recommended:
M. Rossabi, Khubilai Khan (Berkeley, 1988).

9. The Yuan After Qubilai: Between China and the Steppe

Recommended:

10. The Yuan after Qubilai: The Mid-14th Century Crisis

Recommended:
D. O. Robinson, Empire's Twilight (Cambridge MA, 2010).

11. The Ilkhanes Part A: The Mongols in Iran Ḥleq, Baghdad and The Establishment of the Ilkhanate
Morgan, The Mongols, 145-174
J. A. Boyle, The Death of the Last Abbasid Caliph: A Contemporary Muslim Account, JSS, 6 (1961), 151-161; rpt. in idem, The Mongol World Empire 1206-1370 (London, 1976) [DS 19 B69 86002] [Nasir al-Din Tusi]

Recommended:

12. The Ilkhane Part B: The Later Ilkhanes: From Ghazan's Reforms to the Fall of the Ilkhanate
B. Fregner, Iran under Ilkhanid Rule in a World History Perspective, in D. Aigle (ed), Iran face a la domination mongole (Tehran, 1997), 120-130.

13. The Mongols in Central Asia : Qaidu and the House of Chagatai
Rashid al-Din, The Successors of Chinggis Khan (trans. J.A. Boyle, New York and
London, 1971), 139-142
Marco Polo, Travels, 2: 457-465

Morgan, The Mongols, 141-145
Ch. J. Halperin, "Russia in the Mongol Empire in Comparative Perspective," Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies, 43/1 (1983), 239-61

Recommended:

15. The Mongols and Western Europe
Morgan, The Mongols, 175-198

Recommended:
P. Jackson, The Mongols and the West (Harlow, 2005).

Section B: Thematic History
16. Religion: Between Tibetan Buddhism and Islam:
A. Tibetan Buddhism Under The Yuan Rule

Recommended:
ליידי ארן, בודהיזם (תל-אביב, 1993), 153-165.
D. P. Leidy, "Buddhism and Other Foreign Practices in Yuan China," in James C. Y.

17. Religion Part B: The Islamization of the Mongols; Islam in China under the Yuan Rule
B. Spuler (ed. and trans.), History of the Mongols , 144-46 (on Ghazan’s conversion)

Recommended:

18. Economy and Society Part A: The Old and the New Elites
F.W. Mote, Imperial China: 900-1800 (Cambridge, MA, 1999), 503-513

Recommended:

19. Economy and Society Part B: The Silk Roads Economy and Trade Under the Mongols

Recommended:
20. The Mongol Army
Plano Carpini in Dawson, 32-38, 43-50.

Recommended:

M. Rossabi, "Chinese Art under the Mongols," forthcoming in R. Amitai and M. Biran (eds), Eurasian Nomads as Agents of Cultural Change.

Recommended:

22. Culture and Art Part B: The Mongols and Cities
Steinhardt, Nancy Shatzman, "The plan of Khubilai Khan's imperial city [Dadu]," Artibus Asiae, 44, nos.2/3 (1983), 137-154

Recommended:

Section C: Imperial Legacy

23. The Ming Dynasty: Successor or Antithesis?
E. L. Farmer, Zhu Yuanzhng and Early Ming Legislation (Leiden, 1995), 2

Recommended:
J. W. Dardess, "Did the Mongols Matter? Territory, Power and the Intelligencia in China from the Northern Song to the Early Ming," in P. J. Smith and R. von Glahn,
The Song-Yuan-Ming transition (Cambridge MA, 2003), 111-134.

24. Tamerlane and the Timurids

25. Movie — Urga
26. The Moghuls in India

27. Qing as the Successor of the Mongols: The Role of Tibetan Buddhism

Recommended:
J. Elverskog, Our Great Qing (Hawaii, 2007).

28. Conclusion; The Chinggisid Legacy Today

Required Reading:

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 70 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 10 %

Additional information:
Grade composition:
Active participation: 20%
Referrat: 10%
Take-home exam 70%