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 Ilkhans Part A: The Mongols in Iran ¼ Hleg, Baghdad and The Establishment of the Ilkhanate
Morgan, The Mongols, 145-174
J. A. Boyle, ¼The Death of the Last Abbasid Caliph: A Contemporary Muslim Account,¼ 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 Ilkhanes Part B: The Later Ilkhans: From Ghazan's Reforms to the Fall of the Ilkhanate
B. Fregner, ¼Iran under Ilkhanid Rule in a World History Perspective,¼ in D. Aigle (ed), L¼Iran face a la domination mongo2le (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:
Trubetskoï, N.S. The Legacy of Chinggis Khan, in his The Legacy of Chinggis Khan and Other Essays on Russia's Identity (Ann Arbor, 1991).

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

Recommended:
P. Jackson, Medieval Christendom's encounter with the alien, Historical Research, 74 (2001), 347-369.
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:
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:
Th. T. Allsen, Commodity and Exchange in the Mongol Empire (Cambridge, 1997).


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%