



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

German Presence in Sicily and Southern Italy - 54657

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Cont. German Studies:politics, Soc.&Cult

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

In this scholarly tour, we will explore the enduring, entangled engagements of Germans with Sicily and Southern Italy. We will visit and learn about the German presence of medieval times, especially the impact of the Hohenstaufen dynasty from the twelfth and until the fourteenth centuries. Indeed, as we shall see, the dynasty's kings: Henri IV, Frederick II, etc. left a dramatic impact on the largest Island of the Mediterranean. We will also explore in depth the fascination of German romanticists with Sicily and Southern Italy, delving into the romantic admiration of figures such as Goethe with the Island's rich Greek and Roman pasts. Eventually, we will also deal with the troubled past of the Nazi presence in Sicily. The guided tour will include lectures by local scholars/guides as well as presentations which will be prepared by the students.

Course/Module aims:

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

Be knowledgeable of German influence on Sicily and Southern Italy

Be acquainted with the History of Sicily/S.Italy and its Geography

Attendance requirements(%):

Preliminary Condition of this Guided Tour is attendance in the course on German Nationalism

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

Sicily and the Swabians

German Romantic Thinkers and Sicily

WWII and Sicily

Required Reading:

See Course on German Nationalism

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 50 %

Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture/ Seminar / Pro-seminar / Research proposal 50 %

Additional information: