

Courses 2012-2013

Dr. Scott Ury

Antisemitism and Racism: Researching Hate in the Modern Era

This course will serve as a central forum for MA and PhD students from various faculties and departments whose research addresses different aspects of antisemitism and racism. In addition to discussions of theoretical literature from different fields, the seminar will also focus on the comparison of antisemitism to other forms of racism. Emphasis will also be placed on writing, completing and submitting research projects in a timely fashion

Dr. Esther Webman

Nationalism, Islamism, and Antisemitism in the Middle East

The course will examine the emergence of the terms nationalism, Islamism, and antisemitism in the Middle East, the historical background, and the evolution of their meaning since the last quarter of the 19th century to the present. It will explore their impact on the Arabs' attitudes towards the Jewish communities in their midst, and on their perceptions of the Jews, Zionism and Israel.

Dr. Esther Webman

Jewish Communities in the Middle East Between Arab Nationalism and Zionism

The course will focus on the Jewish communities in the Middle East since the last quarter of the 19th century to the present, the changes in their status and in their relations with their Arab neighbors. Reform policies and colonial intervention in the region improved their conditions, on the one hand, but on the other hand, the emergence of Arab nationalism and Zionism, and the conflict which erupted in Palestine undermined their status, and eventually led to their disintegration

Dr. Havi Dreifuss

The Holocaust

During the course we will review and examine the major events that occurred during the Holocaust. Among the issues which we will deal with: anti-Semitism and Nazi ideology; Jews in Germany in the thirties; Anti-Jewish policies in different occupation zones; The Eastern European Jewish society and its isolation in ghettos; The fate of the Jews in Western Europe, the Balkans and North Africa; the Jewish community in Israel (The Yishuv) and the Jews of the United States in light of the Holocaust.

Dr. Havi Dreifuss

The Rescue of Jews during the Holocaust

During this course we will discuss the concept of rescue during the Holocaust and reassess its context, including: the development of the research about Righteous among the Nations, the Jewish part in acts of rescue, between rescue and attack, rescue organizations and methods of their formation, rescue operations of the Catholic Church and its agents and more.

Dr. Yael A. Sternhell

Major problems in Afro-American history and culture