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Université catholique de Louvain

## LGLOR2524 East and West: Identity, Tradition and 2013-2014 Modernity

5.0 credits	30.0 h	1q	This biannual
			course is taught on
			years 2010-2011,
			2012-2013,

Teacher(s) :	
Language :	Anglais
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Inline resources:	The student will find on the iCampus server useful study material. In addition it will be used as a platform for ongoing work and communication.
Prerequisites :	None
Main themes :	The course deal swith the following themes: - notions of East and West and of Orientalism and Westernism; - relations between East and West from historical times to the present day. Particular attention will be given to the different concepts inherent in the respective Eastern and Western points of view, such as culture, identity, tradition, modernity. Examples will be considered from different areas of the East (the Arab world, the Caucasus, Central Asia, the Indian world, the Far East, etc.) and the West (Europe, United States, etc.). These examples will juxtapose the links between current events and their historical roots.
Aims :	At the end of this course, the student will be able to construct a personal opinion of, and to undertake a research on the notions of East and West, of Orientalism and Westernism and on the relations between East and West from historical times to the present day. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods :	Individual piece of work.
Teaching methods :	Formal lectures, seminars and, occasionally, presentation by external experts. Inscription on iCampus is obligatory.
Content :	In a globalised world the uniformisation of behaviour and habits, the diffusion of political systems, or even the appeal to values which are presented as universal lead one often to think that the world of today has overcome the differences between its constituent parties. Yet these differences are nonetheless present and have their roots in history. They mark the distinction between the groups of human beings which identify cultures, languages, philosophical or religious systems. The distinction between East and West is one axis for the analysis of the these distinctions. The knowledge of cultural and religious traditions is a means of accessing the understanding of these differences.
Bibliography :	To be established
Other infos :	The course is given in both French and English. Students are encouraged to complete the individual work in English.
Cycle and year of study :	Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies
Faculty or entity in charge:	GLOR