UCLouvain

Iglor2521

2017

Culture and Civilisation of Byzantium and the Christian East II

This biannual learning is being organized in 2017-2018

Teacher(s)	Schmidt Andrea Barbara ;Somers Véronique ;					
Language :	French					
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve					
Main themes	In-depth study of the Christian communities in the Byzantine, Caucasian and Oriental world. Alternately with LGLOR2522, this course deals with the following themes, on the base of textual sources an scientific studies: 1. Themes specific to one epoch or to a given region; 2. The development or the disappearance of a cultural phenomenon, in relevance to historical or religious circumstances; 3. The relation between culture and literary memory; 4. The interaction between Greek and Oriental milieus.					
Aims	At the end of this course, the student will be familiar with a rigorous scientific approach to textual sources and to questions specific to these communities. He will be able of undertaking a research of limited dimensions on one of the cultural aspects of the Christian communities in the Orient, and of presenting his conclusions orally. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(scan be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".					
Evaluation methods	1. Byzantium (50%): The student will be questioned on the (written) synthesis work realised on a personally characteristic. 2. Christian East (50%): Evaluation is continuous. The students are marked on the work of synthesis and its presentation.					
Teaching methods	1. Byzantium: The lectures are partly 'ex cathedra' and partly participative, with a particular focus on sources and on the main tools. 2. Christian East: Large extracts of the texts concerned will be read and commented on in the course. The students will be expected to read the monographs and articles that accompany the course (in French, in English, or, if necessary, in other languages), and to study a specific theme, to be presented both orally and in a written synthesis.					
Content	1. Byzantium: The content of the course will be determined in concertation with the students, according to thei specific interest. The following themes e.g.) might be dealt with: Byzantium and the Crusades; the role of eunuchs throughout Byzantine history; a specific author, work, or literary field; silk and cloths, etc. 2. Christian East: This course treats cultural phenomena in the eastern Christian region, an area that is very large geographically, very heterogeneous, multilingual and multi-confessional. In function of the year, the themes studied may be: - the invention of new alphabets in the Christian Orient, their role in cultural and national shaping; - the genesis of oriental Christian literatures, and their connection to the Greek tradition; - the assimilation and separation of oriental civilisations as regards the Greek heritage; - the problem of the cultural identity of oriental Christianity; - the Persian influence in the Caucasus; - international monasteries and cultural exchange in Palestine and in the Black Mountain (Antioch).					
Inline resources	/					
Bibliography	Byzance : La bibliographie sera distribuée au cours. Orient chrétien : Les éléments bibliographiques et les sources textuelles seront fournis au cours.					
Other infos	Byzantium : Students wanting to follow the course must register near Véronique Somers to be given access to the documentation supplied on Moodle.					

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Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims		
Master [120] in History of Art and Archaeology : General	ARKE2M	5		Q		
Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies	HORI2M1	5))		
Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI2M	5		•		