Iglor2522 History and Society of Byzantium and the Christian East II

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information below is subject to change, in particular that concerning the teaching mode (presential, distance or in a comodal or hybrid format).

5 credits	30.0 h	Q2
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This biannual learning is being organized in 2020-2021

Teacher(s)	Coulie Bernard ;Schmidt Andrea Barbara ;					
Language :	French					
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve					
Main themes	In-depth study of the history of the Christian Orient in the Byzantine and Oriental worlds. Alternately with LGLOR2521, this course deals, based on textual sources, with a series of themes connected with the important historical periods of Byzantium and the Christian communities of the Orient and the Caucasus. Particular attention will be paid to the most important works relative to the subject. In the part dedicated to Byzantium, this course deals with some theme(s) related to Byzantium's society, examined in its historical context, based on textual sources.					
Aims	At the end of this course, the student will be familiar with a rigorous scientific approach to the textual sources and questions specific to the history of Byzantium and the oriental Christian communities He will be capable of undertaking a research of limited dimensions into one historical aspect of Byzantium and the oriental Christian communities, and to present his conclusions orally.					
Evaluation methods	 Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. For each part of the course, the mark is partly based on continuous assessment (40%) and partly on the presentation of a work (60%). 1. Part I - Christian East: Continuous assessment is about the reading of articles / texts proposed during the semester, or similar research exercises. The work will be briefly discussed in the last lesson of this part, then reworked to produce a 6-page written work. 2. Part II - Byzantium: continuous assessment based on the reading of articles / texts proposed during the semester, or similar research exercises. The oral examination will consist of the presentation of a written work, which will have to be delivered one week before the oral examination. 					
Teaching methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. The teaching mixes lectures by the teachers and participation from the students, on the basis of a texts portfolio.					
Content	 Part I (Christian East - A. Schmidt): Various themes of the history of communities in the Middle East will be discussed: Current situation of Eastern Christians and overview of Christian communities / nations; Eastern Christians on the eve of the Arab invasion and the birth of Islam; Eastern Christians at the time of the Crusaders: contacts with European countries; Eastern Christians at the time of the Mongols; the journey of Rabban Bar Sauma from Qaraqorum in Europe (13th C.). Part II (Byzantium - B. Coulie): Several particular aspects of Byzantine society are studied from a historical perspective. Detailed analysis of the Byzantine history (330-1450): the three main periods (early Byzantine, middle Byzantine, late Byzantine). The relations of the Byzantine world with the West, especially the Byzantine influence on Western Renaissance. The legal system: the Roman origins and their progressive transformation into a Byzantine organization. Att.: students can follow: either Part I abd Part II or only Part II (which will then be valid for the full course, with an written essay from the student) 					
Inline resources	1					

Bibliography	La documentation et la bibliographie seront disponibles au fur et à mesure sur Moodle.
Other infos	English-friendly course : cours enseigné en français mais offrant des facilités en anglais.
Faculty or entity in charge	GLOR

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims		
Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies	HORI2M1	5		٩		
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