

## **UPFEH16 Between Tolerance and Conflict: Muslim, Jews and Christians in the Iberian Peninsula**

*UPF Hispanic and European Studies Program*  
3 credits

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### 1. Descripción

This course will examine the history of Medieval Iberia from the perspective of a society characterized by an unprecedented interaction between the Mediterranean's three civilizations (Muslim, Christian and Jewish). Specifically the course will debate the historical paradigms (e.g. convivencia, tolerance vs. intolerance) frequently used to depict the cultural diversity of Iberian Peninsula's medieval experience. As well as providing a general introduction to the cultural parameters of Medieval Iberia's three civilizations, the course will highlight these societies' modes of interaction and mutual influence. Special attention will be paid to the ways in which contemporary concerns have shaped historians' depictions of Medieval Iberian societies and the dynamics of cross-faith interaction. Throughout the course the importance of local specificity (for example, the differing social and political circumstances in the Crown of Castile and the Crown of Aragon) will be emphasized in understanding the possibilities of cultural interaction.

### 2. Method of presentation

Lectures, discussion, visual aids. All required readings can be found in the course reading packet.

### 3. Required work and form of assessment

1) Participation and presentation (25%). An analysis of two of the sessions' readings has to be presented orally to the class. The readings to be presented are proposed by the professor and are of two kinds: Articles and Sources. Every student has to present one Article and one Source. The presentations may be done in group. A written outline of the presentation has to be delivered to the class. All the readings are mandatory for every student of the class. The readings listed for a particular session must be completed before coming to class that day. The professor may test the effective reading.

2) Essay (25%) (maximum 10 pages 12 font pitch, 1,5 space), to be presented about the required reading (Anonymous. *The Mirror of Coitus. A Translation and Edition of the Fifteenth-Century Speculum al foderi*, edited by M. Solomon, Madison 1990). The essay has to be delivered before the last session of the course.

3) Mid-term exam (25%), about the issues treated in the lessons and the oral presentations (Sessions 2-12).

4) Final exam (25%), about the issues treated in the lessons and the oral presentations (Sessions 14-24).

### 4. Contents

Session 1: Presentation of the course

Session 2: Introduction: Convivencia: Jews, Christians and Muslims in Iberia

Reading: Ibn Khaldun. *The Muqaddimah. An Introduction to History*, translated by F. Rosenthal and edited by N. J. Dawood, Princeton 1970, 49-64 (Source)

Session 3: The Islamic Conquest of Iberia

- Reading: "Two Accounts of the Muslim Conquest (711)", *Medieval Iberia. Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources*, ed. O. R. Constable, Philadelphia 1997, 29-36 (Source)
- Session 4: The Period of Splendour: The Umayyad Caliphate  
 Reading: Giffen, L. A., "Ibn Hazm and the Tawq Al-Hamama", in *The Legacy of Muslim Spain*. Ed. Salma Khadra Jayyusi. Leiden, New York, Köln: E. J. Brill, 1992, 420-442 (Article)
- Session 5: The Period of the Taifas  
 Reading: "A Jewish Vizier Describes the Battle of Alfuentes", *Medieval Iberia. Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources*, ed. O. R. Constable, Philadelphia 1997, 84-90 (Source)
- Session 6: Al-Andalus: an Islamized Society  
 Reading: Marín, M., "Muslim Religious Practices in Al-Andalus (2nd/8th-4th/10th Centuries)", *The Legacy of Muslim Spain*, ed. S. Khadra Jayyusi, Leiden... 1992, 878-894 (Article)
- Session 7: Al-Andalus: an Arabized Society  
 Reading: Al-Ghazali. *On the Manners Relating to Eating*, ed. D. Johnson-Davies, Cambridge 2000, 1-17 (Source)
- Session 8: Minorities in a Muslim Society: Christians  
 Reading: "Two Arguments in Support of Christian Faith", *Medieval Iberia. Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources*, ed. O. R. Constable, Philadelphia 1997, 141-151 (Source)
- Session 9: Minorities in a Muslim Society: Jews  
 Reading: "Three Views of Samuel and Joseph Ibn Naghrela", *Medieval Iberia. Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources*, ed. O. R. Constable, Philadelphia 1997, 91-102 (Source)
- Session 10: Sharing Cultures: the Scholars  
 Reading: Lenay, H., "The Stars and Human Sexuality. Some Medieval Scientific Views", *Isis*, 71 (1980), 127-137 (Article)
- Session 11: Sharing Cultures: the Physicians  
 Reading: Conrad, L. I., M. Neve, V. Nutton, R. Porter, A. Wear, *The Western Medical Tradition. 800 BC To AD 1800*, Cambridge 1995, 93-138
- Session 12: Sharing Cultures: the Poets  
 Reading: Roth, N., "Deal Gently with the young man. Love of Boys in Medieval Hebrew Poetry of Spain", in *Speculum* Vol. 57/1 (1982), 20-51 (Article)
- Session 13: The Holy War  
 Reading: Brodman, J. W., "Municipal Ransoming Law on the Medieval Spanish Frontier", in *Speculum*, Vol. 60/2 (1985), 318-330 (Article)
- Session 14: Midterm exam
- Session 15: The Triumph of the Cross  
 Reading: "The Christian Conquest of Valencia", *Medieval Iberia. Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources*, ed. O. R. Constable, Philadelphia 1997, 209-216 (Source)
- Session 16: Minorities in a Christian Society: Jews  
 Reading: Bagby, Jr., A. I., "The Jew in the Cantigas of Alfonso X, El Sabio", *Speculum*, Vol. 46, No. 4 (Oct., 1971), 670-688 (Article)
- Session 17: Minorities in a Christian Society: Muslims  
 Reading: "A Mudejar Summary of Islamic Law", *Medieval Iberia. Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources*, ed. O. R. Constable, Philadelphia 1997, 327-329 (Source)
- Session 18: A Christian Reception: Translators and Scholars in Iberia  
 Reading: Conrad, L. I., M. Neve, V. Nutton, R. Porter, A. Wear, *The Western Medical Tradition. 800 BC To AD 1800*, Cambridge 1995, 139-
- Session 19: Boundaries in a Christian society

Reading: Powers, J. F., "Frontier Municipal Baths and Social Interaction in Thirteenth-Century Spain", in *The American Historical Review*, 84/3 (1979), 649-667 (Article)

Session 20: Preaching the Truth

Reading: Burns, R. I., "Christian-Muslim Confrontation: The Thirteenth-century Dream of Conversion", R. I. Burns, *Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Crusader Kingdom of Valencia. Societies in Symbiosis*, Cambridge 1984, 80-108 (Article)

Session 21: A Persecuting Society

Reading: Wolff, Ph., "The 1391 Pogrom in Spain: Social Crisis or Not?", in *Past and Present*, 50 (1971), 4-18 (Article)

Session 22: Conversion and Expulsion: the Conversos

Reading: "The Expulsion of the Jews", *Medieval Iberia. Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources*, ed. O. R. Constable, Philadelphia 1997, 352-363 (Source)

Session 23: The Guardians of Purity: the Inquisition

Reading: "Heresy and Inquisition", *Medieval Iberia. Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources*, ed. O. R. Constable, Philadelphia 1997, 330-337 (Source)

Session 24: Conversion and Expulsion: the Moriscos

Reading: Harvey, L.P., "The Moriscos and the Hajj", in *Bulletin* (British Society for Middle Eastern Studies), Vol. 14, No. 1 (1987), 11-24 (Article)

Session 25 Final exam

5. Required Readings

Anonymous. *The Mirror of Coitus*. A Translation and Edition of the Fifteenth-Century *Speculum al foderi*, ed. M. Solomon, Madison 1990 (Essay)

6. Recommended Readings

Ashtor, Eliyahu, *The Jews of Muslim Spain*. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1973-1984

Baer, Yitzhak, *A History of the Jews in Christian Spain*, Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society of America, 1978

Bisson, Thomas N., *The Medieval Crown of Aragon. A Short History*, Oxford: Clarendon, 1986

Boswell, John, *The Royal Treasure: Muslim Communities under the Crown of Aragon in the Fourteenth Century*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1977

Burns, Robert Ignatius, *Muslims, Christian and Jews in the Crusader Kingdom of Valencia: Societies in Symbiosis*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984

Cohen, Mark R., *Under Crescent and Cross: The Jews in the Middle Ages*, Princeton: Princeton University Press 1994

Elliott, John Huxtable, *Imperial Spain 1469-1716*, Harmondsworth: Penguin 1990

Fletcher, Richard A., *Moorish Spain*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993

Glick, Thomas F., *Islamic and Christian Spain in the Early Middle Ages*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997

Harvey, Leonard Patrick, *Islamic Spain 1250-1500*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990

Harvey, Leonard Patrick, *Muslims in Spain, 1500 to 1614*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005

Hillgarth, Jocelyn N., *The Spanish Kingdoms 1250-1516*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1976-1978

Kamen, Henry, *Spain 1469-1714: A Society in Conflict*, London: Longman, 1991

Kamen, Henry, *The Spanish Inquisition: An Historical Revision*, London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1997

*The Legacy of Muslim Spain*, ed. Salma Khadra Jayyusi, Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1992

Moore, Robert Ian, *The Formation of a Persecuting Society*, Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1987

*Muslims under Latin Rule 1100-1300*, ed. J. M. Powell, London: Thames and Hudson, 1992

Nirenberg, David, *Communities of Violence: Persecution of Minorities in the Middle Ages*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998

Ruiz, Teofilo F., *Spanish Society 1400-1600*, London: Harlow, 2001

*Spain and the Jews. The Sephardi Experience 1492 and After*, ed. E. Kedourie, London: Thames and Hudson 1992

Waines, David, *An Introduction to Islam*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 1995

Wasserstein, David, *The Rise and Fall of the Party-Kings. Politics and Society in Islamic Spain 1002-1086*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1985

Wasserstein, David, *The Caliphate in the West. An Islamic Political Institution in the Iberian Peninsula*, Oxford: Clarendon 1993

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