

Courses

		Topics Covered	T.H	ects
1	Sephardi History & Society 	"Jewish Iberia", from the early Middle Ages to the Expulsion of Jews from Spain - Key Figures & Events: Al Andalus & Catalunya, Judaism between Christianity and Islam, Sefarad & Ashkenaz, Conversos and crypto-Jews, Jewish life in mediaeval Spain - Social aspects: Gender, Economy etc. myths & politics, research trends, cultural education models. Chair Professor: Dr. Goretti Luis Cobreros, Universidad de Granada UGR	35	6
2	Sephardi Thought and philosophy 	From Middle Ages to the present - Key Figures & Texts: Havruta study of Sephardi Textual Masterpieces: Yehudah Halevi, Iben Gabirol, Maymonides, Nachmanides, Rashba, Crescas. Joseph Karo, Ben Ish Hai, ha-Hida, Kabbalah - & Hasidut. Modern and contemporary Sephardi Thought: Levantinian/Mediterranean thought, from Kahanoff and Memmi to Buzaglo and Pedaya. Chair Professor: Dr. Ze'ev Maor, Instituto de Estudios Judíos, Barcelona EJB	35	6
3	Sephardi Urban Heritage 	Sephardi Medieval Urban Heritage - Key sites & Events: Urban and Landscape Hermeneutics, Cultural identity and heritage recovery dilemmas. Excursions (Field Studies) on the "European Routs of Jewish Heritage": – Catalunya (2025): Barcelona, Girona, Besalú, Pyrenees. Port Bou. – Al Andalus (2026): Cordova, Lucena, Granada. Chair Professor: Dr. Lucia Conte Aguilar, Pompeu Fabra University UPF	35	6
4	Sephardi Diaspora 	From "the Expulsion" to Modernity: Key concepts & Events: Cartography of Sephardi dispersion - communities of the Mediterranean, Mideast, Balkan, the Americas and Europe. "Maghreb" and "Mashriq", Jewish-Arab culture, Jewish Languages: Ladino, Haquetia, Post/Colonialism East & West, Sephardi Modernities. "Wissenschaft des Judentums", "Sefarad" as a "traveling concept". Chair Professor: Dr. Erica Consoli, Universidad de Barcelona UB	35	6
5	Sephardi Culture & Art 	Sephardi Culture and art From Middle Ages to the present - Key concepts & aspects: Sephardi Arts, Crafts, Architecture and Folklore, Sephardi Musical Traditions, Poetry and Piyyut, Sephardi cuisine, Sephardi Cinema, Sephardi contemporary culture. "Sephardim", "Mizrahim" & Israel, Trends in Jewish and Sephardi Studies. Sephardi education and Cultural Activism, Sephardi culture and identity - Dilemmas & Vocations Chair Professor Dr. Yosi Yonah, Ben-Gurion University BGU	35	6
6	Passion Project Develop Workshops 	A series of classes, workshops, and personalized mentoring sessions designed to provide leadership, entrepreneurial, and managerial tools while supporting the development of students' final projects in the fields of research, education, and cultural activism. Process Mentor: Mr. Michel Montreuil	18	

Sefarad - Roots and History

Week 1
A Journey to the Roots of Sephardic Judaism.
From the Golden Age to the Expulsion

	Monday 2/6	Tuesday 3/6	Wednesday 4/6	Thursday 5/6	Friday 6/6
09:00-09:30		Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting
09:30-11:30	11:00 Reception and registration	Andalusi Judaism A Myths and evidence Dr. Goretti Luis	Andalusi Judaism B Key figures Dr. Goretti Luis	Catalan Judaism B: Key figures Dr. Goretti Luis	Sages of Sefarad: Barcelona circles M Carmen Muñoz
11:30-12:00	Break				
12:00-14:00	Program Introductions Mrs. Joelle Aflalo Dr. Ze`ev Maor		Catalan judaism A: History and culture, main sources Dr. Goretti Luis	Sages of Sefarad: Rashba M Carmen Muñoz	Colloquium Noelia Bernardez Dr. Ze`ev Maor
14:00-16:00	Lunch Break				
16:00-18:00	Urban Heritage Montjuic Research Presentation Arch. Dominique Tomasov	Jewish Heritage in Spain Dr. Lucia Conte	Jewish Heritage Call - Case Study Dr. Lucia Conte	AI and the Future of Education Dr. Marcelo Dorfsman (Spanish)	Passion Project Workshop Mr. Michel Montreuil
18:00-18:30	Break				Break
18:30-20:30	Urban Heritage El Call BCN Arch. Dominique Tomasov				Sephardi cuisine Workshop: <i>Flavors of Sefarad: Recipes and Stories from Medieval Jewish Catalonia</i> Ms. Monica Buzali

Convivencia: Interfaith and Intercultural Connections

Bridging Faiths and Cultures – A Journey Through Shared Heritage

Week

2

	Monday 9/6	Tuesday 10/6	Wednesday 11/6	Thursday 12/6	Friday 13/6
09:00-09:30	Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting
09:30-11:30	Sephardi Thought Introductions Dr. Ze'ev Maor 	Medieval Christian-Jewish Disputes and Polemics Prof. Alexander Martin Fidora Riera 	Sages of Sefarad: Maimonides Dr. Goretti Luis 	Sages of Sefarad: Crescas Prof. J.M Sánchez de León 	
11:30-12:00	Break				
12:00-14:00	Christianity & Judaism Prof. D. Sánchez Alcolea UCAM (Spanish, Online) 	Beit Midrash Convivencia Cain and Abel – On Violence and Solidarity Dr. Renana Ravitsky Prof. Ayman Agbaria 	Beit Midrash Convivencia The Binding of Isaac and Sacrifice - Between Religion and Morality Dr. Renana Ravitsky Prof. Ayman Agbaria 	Beit Midrash Convivencia Joseph and His Brothers – Forgiveness and Reconciliation Among Siblings Dr. Renana Ravitsky Prof. Ayman Agbaria 	Colloquium: Dr. Ze'ev Maor Students Presentations 
14:00-16:00	Lunch Break				
16:00-18:00	Urban Heritage: Montjuïc Arch: Dominique Tomasov Kevin Buckland 	Jewish-Catalan Political and Legal Relations Dr. Mario Macías López 	Man in Search of God – Between Philosophy and Religion Prof. Ayman Agbaria 	Break	Passion Project Workshop Mr. Michel Montreuil 
18:30-20:30	Urban Heritage: Montjuïc Arch. Dominique Tomasov Kevin Buckland 			Judaism and Islam- Memory and History: From Ibn Khaldun to Contemporary Reality Dr. Renana Ravitsky 	Sephardi cuisine Workshop: Cuisine of Convivencia: Andalusí Flavors and Judeo-Arabic Poetry / Ms. Monica Buzali Shabbat Dinner 

Week
3

Urban Heritage, Girona Kabbalah Workshop and Piyyut Festival

Discovering the Urban and Kabbalistic Heritage of Sephardic Judaism

	Monday 16/6	Tuesday 17/6	Wednesday 18/6	Thursday 19/6	Friday 20/6
09:00-09:30	Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting
09:30-11:30	Kabbalah Workshop: Introduction to Jewish Mysticism Dr. Ze'ev Maor	9:00 – Leave for Girona Jewish Quarter (public transportation) Dérive activity	<i>9:00 Bus to Port Bou</i> Port Bou Memorial Tour		Colloquium: Dr. Ze'ev Maor Students Presentations
11:30-12:00	Break				
12:00-14:00	12:30 The Girona Kabbalah Circle Prof. Haviva Pedaya (Online)	11:45: Call de Girona – Jewish Museum Prof. Silvia Planas	12:00 Walter Benjamin on Memory Prof. Paula Kuffer	Introduction to Sephardic music Dr. Gil Dori	Passion Project Workshop Mr. Michel Montreuil
14:00-16:00	Lunch Break				
16:00-18:00	Journey to Girona Catalunya Heritage <i>(Private bus- Meet 16: 30 at Estacion de Francia)</i>	<i>(Back to the house- Public transport)</i> Hitbodedut Exercise	17:00 <i>Busride to Barcelona</i>	The Art of Piyyut: Sacred Jewish Poetry and Liturgy Prof.Edwin Seroussi (Online)	Piyyut - Masterclass Workshop Lala Tamar
18:00-18:30					
18:30-20:30	Dinner at Cal Rei Vinyes	18:00 Judaism in our time Prof. Haviva Pedaya (Online)		Piyyut Festival: Concert: Duo Andaluz: Lala Tamar & Ofer Ronen with Neila Benbey	Piyyut Festival: Concert: Nochada Sefaradi Rosa Zaragoza & Ruso Sala

Week

4

Diaspora and Sephardic Identities

Tracing the Sephardic Diaspora – From Exile to Global Revival

	Monday 23/6	Tuesday 24/6	Wednesday 25/6	Thursday 26/6	Friday 27/6
09:00-09:30	Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting
09:30-11:30	Conversos & crypto-Jews Noelia Bernardez Dr. Goretti Luis 	LABA Workshop laboratory for Jewish Culture Arch. N. Kertesz 	Arab-Jewish intellectuals around the Mediterranean Dr. Erica Consoli 	Arab-Jewish writers after 1948 Dr. Erica Consoli 	Stroum Center Washington U. Food, Conversos Prof. A Gomez Bravo 
11:30-12:00	Break				
12:00-14:00	Xueta Island Film Screening Ofer Laszewicki Rubin 	Sefarad & Ashkenaz Wissenschaft des Judentums. Dr. Golda Van der Meer 	Sefarad Cartography: Thessaloniki Evan Kapros (Online) 	Sefarad Cartography: Izmir Mr. Nesim Bencoya (Online) 	Colloquium Dr. Ze'ev Maor Students Presentations 
14:00-16:00	Lunch Break				
16:00-18:00	Conversos & crypto-Jews Dr. Lucia Conte 		Archive Study: Cathedral of Bcn 	Stroum Center Washington U. Being Jewish Prof. A Gomez Bravo 	Passion Project Workshop 
18:30-20:30					Sephardi cuisine Workshop: Hidden Flavors: Crypto-Jewish Cuisine and Diasporic Heritage Ms. Monica Buzali Shabat Dinner 

Week
5

Sephardic Culture and Art

A Multi-Sensory Experience in Sephardic and Jewish-Arab Culture

	Monday 30/6	Tuesday 1/7	Wednesday 2/7	Thursday 3/7	Friday 4/7
09:00-09:30	Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting
09:30-11:30	Jewish-Arab culture introductions Prof. Almog Behar	Jewish-Arab culture introductions Prof. Almog Behar	Manifestations of the Orient in contemporary visual art Dr. Ktzia Alon	Moroccan Jews engaging the motherland Prof. Andre Levy	Colloquium Dr. Ze`ev Maor Stidents Presentations
11:30-12:00	Break				
12:00-14:00	Sefarad & Israel Writing, Art and PoliticsThe Mizrahi Movement Prof. Yosi Yona	Mizrahi poetry Dr. Erica Consoli	Jewish-Arab culture The Three Divas Prof. Yosi Yonah	Judeo-Arabic language Prof. Ángeles Gallego Prof. Almog Behar	Youth Engagement in Intercultural Dialogue:A workshop Prof. Tamar Shuali Trachtenberg.
14:00-16:00	Lunch Break				
16:00-18:00	Mizrahi feminism Dr. Erica Consoli	Contemporary Sephardi Thought Dr. Ze`ev Maor	Jewish-Arab Category Dr. Angy Cohen, Prof. Yuval Evri	Jewish Arab Culture Contemporary art Sharon Toval Ami Steinitz	Conference Closing Workshop
18:00-18:30	Break				
18:30-20:30		Jewish-Arab Culture Research Center - Conference Opening Prof. Yosi Yonah	On Jewish-Arab Cinema Film Screening Mr. Eyal Halfon	The Arab-Jew in literature and poetry Dr. Erica Consoli Prof. Almog Behar	Jewish-Syrian cuisine Workshop: Between Spices and Poetry: Jewish-Arab Cuisine from Damascus Ms. Monica Buzali
20:30-21:00					Shabbat Dinner

Week
6

Jewish Education and Cultural Activism

Cultural and Educational Leadership in the Sephardic World

	Monday 7/7	Tuesday 8/7	Wednesday 9/7	Thursday 10/7	Friday 11/7
09:00-09:30	Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting
09:30-11:30	Mediterranean Education The Beit Project Arch. David Stoleru 	Mediterranean Education The Beit Project Arch. David Stoleru 	Lookstein Center for Jewish Education Dr. Florence Touati-Wachsstock 	Sephardic cultural heritage Dr. Jaimie Luria 	Research, Education & Cultural Activism Workshop 
11:30-12:00	Break				
12:00-14:00	Urban Heritage: The Beit Project Arch. David Stoleru 	Urban Heritage: The Beit Project Arch. David Stoleru 	Montserrat trip (Public transportation)	Sephardic cultural heritage Dr. Jaimie Luria 	Colloquium Noelia Bernardez Dr. Ze'ev Maor 
14:00-16:00	Lunch Break				
16:00-18:00	Urban Heritage: The Beit Project Arch. David Stoleru 	Urban Heritage: The Beit Project Arch. David Stoleru 	Guided visit to the Montserrat Monastery M Carmen Muñoz		Closing Passion Project Workshop 
18:30-20:30					Sephardi cuisine Workshop: Tastes of Memory: Food, Identity, and Cultural Belonging Ms. Monica Buzali Shabbat Dinner 