

## **Course GB-06 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN**

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### **45 CONTACT HOURS / 3 SEMESTER CREDITS**

### **THIS CLASS MEETS: TUES/THURS 7-9PM**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The aim of the Course is to explore the cultural plurality of the Mediterranean, the evolution of its North-South relations, as well as the present-day problems affecting its southern and eastern shores.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

The Course sessions will be theoretical in character, while there will also be space for class discussion and debate with regard to key subject areas within the syllabus. At relevant moments, documentaries and movies related to Course content will be projected which, in turn, will give rise to further debate and a deepening of the awareness of the issues raised by them. Likewise, a list of monographs will be provided so that each student may carry out an individual assignment involving one of the titles taken from the available list.

#### **SYLLABUS**

1. THE MEDITERRANEAN: THE CONSOLIDATION OF A MYTH.
  - The Mediterranean from the Perspective of the North and Europe from the Perspective of the Mediterranean. Romantic Travellers: the Birth of a Myth. Tourism as a Generator of Commonplaces. Being Left to Its Own Devices. Institutional Investment in the Mediterranean.
2. FROM MYTH TO REALITY.
  - Paradise Degraded. From Cultural Nodal Point to Crossing Place and Holiday Resort. The Transformation of Ideological and Territorial Frontiers. The North-South Dynamic.
3. THE RELIGIOUS COMPLEXITY OF THE MUSLIM WORLD.
  - The Pillars of Islam. Koranic Law. Sunni Islam. Shiite Islam. Islamic Sects. The Rise of Islamic Fundamentalism. Political Implications of Islam. Ethnicity and Nationalisms.

4. CULTURAL AREAS OF THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN: MAGHRIB, THE ORIENT, ARABIA AND ANATOLIA.
  - The Heterogeneity of Landscapes: Coastal Areas, Riverbeds, and Inland Deserts. Diversity of Lifestyles: Nomadism and Fixed Settlement. The Colonial Inheritance. Resources, Potential, and Limitations. Geo-Politics.
5. MAJOR ROUTES AND SMALL-SCALE MARKETS.
  - Betwixt East and West. From Gibraltar to Suez. The Vertebrae of Market Networks. The Impact of Globalization.
6. MIGRATIONS: 'TO RETURN OR NOT TO RETURN'.
  - Short-haul Migration and the Agricultural Labor Sector. Returning after the Summer Break. Long-Haul Migrations: Europe and America. The New Forms of Migration. Frontiers and the Trafficking with Human Beings. Racism and Xenophobia.
7. FAMILY ROLES AND GENDER SYSTEMS.
  - The Sense of Honor and the Sense of Shame. Gender and Religion. Roles Linked with Gender Identity. The Public and Private Domains. Resistance toward the Emancipation of Women. Processes of Modernization and their Degrees of Impact.
8. THE MEDITERRANEAN AND FOOD.
  - The Great Larder of the Mediterranean. The Mediterranean Threesome: Corn, Oil, and Wine. Eating Habits and Identity. The Mediterranean Diet: Ideal Lifestyle and Reality.

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## **ASSESSMENT**

Final grades will be based on an exam at the close of the semester, together with the other assignments carried out during the period of class sessions.