



A Course under the MHRD Scheme on
Global Initiative on Academic Network (GIAN)

Jerusalem and the Abrahamic Faiths throughout the Ages

By Prof. Moshe Ma'oz



Course Venue: Committee Hall (Room No. 128), SIS II, JNU

Date: 9-17 November 2016

Time: 4:00-7:00 PM

Overview

The aim of the course is to outline and examine in a scholarly, impartial way the long, complex relations among Muslims, Christians and Jews in various periods and areas with a special attention to the question of Jerusalem. Religiously and culturally the old city of Jerusalem and its Temple Mount have been sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims for centuries. Under Muslim rule the Jewish and Christian minorities in Jerusalem were allowed for long periods to pray at the religious shrines, but not on the Temple Mount. In contrast, under the Byzantine rule (324-638) Jews were not permitted to reside in Jerusalem; and during the Crusades (1099-1187) most Jews and Muslims were forcibly evicted from Jerusalem. Otherwise Muslim attitudes to Jews and Christians in Jerusalem and elsewhere were ambivalent: rejection and antagonism, tolerance and cooperation, depending on various circumstances and differing from period to period. However, with the emergence of the Jewish and Arab nationalist movements in the late 19th century, Jerusalem has gradually taken the centre stage and become a site of nationalist political dispute aggravated by the religious and cultural differences, with the Christian Arabs siding with Muslims against Jews. Following Israel's occupation of East Jerusalem and the Temple Mount in the June 1967 War the Muslim-Jewish and Arab-Israel conflict has further exacerbated, leading to growing Muslim Judeophobia and the emergence of Jewish Islamophobia. Christians have remained divided on this issue.

Objectives

The primary objectives of the course are as follows:

- i) Understanding the centrality of Jerusalem in Abrahamic Faiths
- ii) Locating the complexity of Jerusalem within the Arab-Israeli Conflict
- iii) Deciphering the universal interest in the complexities of the Jerusalem question

Course Details

Day 1, Wednesday 9 November 2016

- Lecture 1: 4.00-5.00 PM**
Jews and Christians in the Qur'an and early Islam
- Lecture 2: 5.30-6.30 PM**
Jerusalem in Judaism, Christianity and Islam
- Q&A 6.30-7.00 PM**

Day 2, Thursday, 10 November 2016

- Lecture 3: 4.00-5.00 PM**
The Jewish "Golden Age" in Muslim Spain, and Christian Inquisition
- Lecture 4: 5.30-6.30 PM**
Muslim-Jewish-Christian interrelations in the Ottoman Empire, notably in Jerusalem
- Q&A: 6.30-7.00 PM**

Day 3, Friday 11 November 2016

- Lecture 5: 4.00-5.00 PM**
Impact of the Arab-Israeli conflict on Muslim-Christian-Jewish relations in Jerusalem
- Lecture 6: 5.30-6.30 PM**
Dispute over the Temple Mount/Al-Haram Al-Sharif in Jerusalem
- Q&A: 6.30-7.00 PM**

Day 4, Tuesday 15 November 2016

- Lecture 7: 4.00-5.00 PM**
The growing Muslim Judeophobia and the emergence of Jewish Islamophobia: Jerusalem as a case study
- Lecture 8: 5.30-6.30 PM**
Muslim Attitudes to Jews and Christians among Sunni & Shia communities in Asia, and the Jerusalem issue
- Q&A: 6.30-7.00 PM**

Day 5, Wednesday, 16 November 2016

- Lecture 9: 4.00-5.00 PM**
Ambivalent Muslim & Christian attitudes to Jews in African countries: The relevance to Jerusalem
- Lecture 10: 5.30-6.30 PM**
Positions of Muslim radical organizations regarding Christian, Jews and Jerusalem
- Q&A: 6.30-7.00 PM**

Day 6, Thursday, 17 November 2016

Examination and Certificate Distribution

Teaching Faculty

Moshe Ma'oz is Professor Emeritus of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and a former Director of The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace. Prof. Ma'oz is renowned for his expertise in Arab and Middle East affairs, and has published extensively on Islam and on the history and politics of the Middle East. He is a leading expert on Syria.



Prof. Ma'oz has been a visiting professor, scholar and fellow at many leading universities and institutions around the world including University of Oxford, Harvard University and Georgetown University. He has authored and edited 20 books and 65 articles on various issues of Middle Eastern history and politics, including *Muslim Attitudes to Jews and Israel* published in 2011.

Who can attend?

- Students at all levels (Bachelors/Masters/M. Phil/Ph.D.,)
- Faculty from academic institutions
- Professionals/researchers in Media/research institutions
- Students/scholars of religion/West Asia/Islam

Where and When to attend?

Committee Hall (Room No. 128), SIS II, JNU,
9-17 November 2016, 4:00-7:00 PM

Registration Fees

B.A./M.A Students:	Free
M. Phil/Ph.D. students	₹.1000/-
Faculty from JNU:	₹.1,000/-

Faculty/Professionals from other institutions: ₹.2,000/-

The above fee includes all instructional materials.

For Registration:

<http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/index> or visit www.jnu.ac.in/GIAN/

Total number of seats available is 60 (sixty) and hence registration shall be done on first-come-first-serve basis.

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