

IV INTENSIVE SUMMER COURSE

ROMANIZATION AND ISLAMIZATION IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Photo: Mosque and Roman bridge, Cordoba

INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

The image above speaks for itself: in the background, built as the Friday Mosque of Cordoba, an extraordinary example of medieval Arab architecture and a popular tourist destination, which is at the same time the embodiment of the civilization of al-Andalus itself; in the foreground, the Roman bridge crossing the Guadalquivir since 2000 years reminds that Cordoba was the capital of one of the richest provinces of the Roman Empire.

This **IV Intensive Summer Course** held in Casa Árabe Cordoba will introduce English speakers to the fascinating history of two empires: the Roman and the Islamic one. Specialists from different academic institutions will guide a select group of students in a series of seminar-style intensive classes throughout a week-long course.

This year, the course will focus on the processes of Romanization and Islamization that led to the formation of the Western Mediterranean first as a Roman and later on as an Islamic society. Together we will explore issues related to the sources at our disposal to reconstruct such processes (including literary sources and archaeological evidence) as well as the debates regarding their interpretation.

VENUE

The choice of the Casa Árabe in Córdoba as the venue for the course hardly needs any explanation. It is housed in the beautiful **Casa Mudéjar**, a 14-16th century building whose restoration received the World Heritage City Award 2011 from the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports (<http://www.casaarabe.es/sedes/show/casa-arabecordoba>). The Casa is located at a three-minute walk from the Mosque-Cathedral.

THE STUDENTS AND COURSE STRUCTURE

The course is directed at **university students and scholars** who –regardless of their specialization– want to become familiar with the most relevant issues related to the history of al-Andalus. Taught in English, it aims at guiding the participants to the wide range of scholarly research on al-Andalus. **Thirty students** will be selected from among the applicants (for the application procedure see below).

Students are not required to have knowledge of Arabic or any other **language** except English; for those who are proficient in Arabic, guidance in the Arabic sources will be provided as a complement.

A basic **bibliography** of studies in English will be provided once the selection of students has been made and registration has been finalized. The students selected are expected to become familiar with that bibliography before the beginning of the course. A more comprehensive bibliography, including the most relevant studies in a variety of languages, will be provided during the course.

As the course is **intensive and text-oriented**, students are required to be present at each class. An attendance certificate will correspondingly be provided. For those interested in producing a research paper, assignments will be given and upon submission (within six months) an examination certificate can be obtained.

LECTURERS

- Francisco BELTRÁN LLORIS, University of Zaragoza
- Juan Manuel BERMÚDEZ LORENZO, University Rey Juan Carlos of Madrid
- Rafael BLANCO GUZMAN, University of Cordoba
- José C. CARVAJAL LÓPEZ, University of Leicester
- Maribel FIERRO, CSIC (Madrid)
- Marcos GARCÍA, University of York
- Alejandro GARCÍA-SANJUÁN, University of Huelva
- Stefan HEIDEMANN, University of Hamburg
- Richard HINGLEY, Durham University
- Timothy INSOLL, University of Exeter
- Antonio MONTERROSO CHECA, University of Córdoba
- Manuel MORENO ALCAIDE, University of Córdoba
- Sabine PANZRAM, University of Hamburg
- Pablo POVEDA ARIAS, University of Hamburg
- Ursula ROTHE, The Open University, Milton Keynes
- Antonio VALLEJO, Head of the Archaeological site of Medina Azahara

SCHEDULE

The course will take place during the fourth week of July, from Monday 23 to Saturday 28, with a total of **34 hours**. On Friday, class will be held in the Umayyad palatine town of Madinat al-Zahra'. The course will be completed with two Archeological Workshops on Tuesday and Thursday morning.

PROGRAM

Monday 20 Casa Árabe, Córdoba

- 9:00-11:00 **Sabine Panzram**, *"...was the only one of the provinces that discovered its strength only after it had been defeated..." – Romanization in the Iberian Peninsula*
- 11:30-13:30 **Richard Hingley**, *Language and Roman identity: de-coupling Latin from Roman identity through some case studies*
- 17:00-19:00 **Francisco Beltrán Lloris**, *Latinization and Romanization in the Western Mediterranean: an epigraphical perspective*

Tuesday 21 Casa Árabe, Córdoba

- 8:30-11:00 **Antonio Monterroso Checa y Manuel Moreno Alcaide**, *Archaeological Workshop: Romanization: the urban point of view*
- 11:30-13:30 **Juan Manuel Bermúdez Lorenzo**, *Roman Economy in Imperial Times: the olive oil of the Baetica, a case study*
- 17:00-19:00 **Ursula Rothe**, *Being Roman (?) in the Western Provinces*

Wed. 22 Casa Árabe, Córdoba

- 9:00-11:00 **Pablo Poveda Arias**, *Before al-Andalus: the historical evolution of the Iberian Peninsula from Late Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages (4th-8th centuries)*
- 11:30-13:30 **Alejandro García-Sanjuán**, *The origins of al-Andalus: sources and scholarly debate*
- 17:00-19:00 **Marcos García**, *Islamisation and foodways: (zoo)archaeological insights from al-Andalus*

Thursday 23 Casa Árabe, Córdoba

- 8:30-11:00 **Rafael Blanco Guzman**, *Archaeological Workshop: The urban process of Islamization in Córdoba*
- 11:30-13:30 **Stefan Heidemann**, *Umar ibn Hafsun and the nativist rebellions in the Islamic Empire*
- 17:00-19:00 **Maribel Fierro**, *Can Islamization take place without religious scholars? The case of al-Andalus*

Friday **24**

Medina Azahara, Córdoba

9:00-13:00

Antonio Vallejo, *Archaeological Workshop: Archaeology of Antiquity in the Caliphal city of Madinat al-Zahra'*

15:00-17:00

José C. Carvajal López, *The debate on Islamisation in the Archaeology of al-Andalus: an overview and some reflections*

17:30-19:30

Timothy Insoll, *Comparative archaeological perspectives on Islamisation in the Horn of Africa and the Western Sahel*

LODGING AND MEALS

Coffee will be provided in the morning breaks and the fee includes as well a welcome reception and a dinner on Thursday. Students should arrange for the rest of their meals and lodging. Córdoba has many hotels and restaurants. A selection of the different options available around Casa Árabe will be provided upon registration.

APPLICATION AND FEE

Those interested are requested to send an e-mail message to infocordoba@casaarabe.es, indicating in the message subject line: Intensive **Summer Course Al-Andalus IV**. They need to provide a brief introduction about the candidate's profile, including first and last names (maximum 300 words), and a letter expressing their interest in the course. The deadline is **July 1th 2020**. Those 30 selected will be contacted by **July 3rd 2020**.

Once confirmation of admittance is received, registration must be completed using the application form that will be sent. The fee for the course is **300 €**.

Further information: Calle Samuel de los Santos Gener, 9.

From Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 14:00 p.m.

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