Course Description
This course will explore the history of Jerusalem from antiquity to the modern period. The story of the Holy City will be discussed through the lens of the history of the holy land, the three major monotheistic religions, the State of Israel, the modern Middle East and the Arab-Israeli conflict. The history of the "City of Peace" is not only an expression of faith and religion but also the symbol of war and conflict between east and west, Jews, Muslims and Christians, and between Israelis and Palestinians. The chapters of Jerusalem are marked therefore with the aspects of coexistence and dialogue in an urban community but also with the expression of a political, cultural and military struggle and control in a divided, contested, mixed, and a sacred city.
Course Principles
The students are expected to attend all classes, show up on time and to have read the assigned readings for each session. You can miss two classes without any consequences. Every missed class not due to a verifiable medical or personal emergency after that will result in a reduction of your final grade. Mandatory class readings include the textbook and the chapters and articles that are listed in the syllabus. Primary sources: documents, texts, maps and visual sources will be placed on the course blackboard website. The final take-home exam will cover course materials presented in lectures, the textbook, assigned readings and class discussions. Make sure that your take-home exam is based on your original work. Footnote your sources, indicate direct quotes, and avoid closely paraphrasing your sources. Students with disabilities or who need special consideration are requested to contact me as soon as possible.

Grading
- Midterm take-home exam (will be given to students on Oct.9, submitted by students on Oct.14) - 20%
- Five-page book review and an oral presentation of the book review in class (the papers will be submitted by students on Nov.4) - 20%
- Classroom presentation on one of the syllabus readings (10%)
- Final Research Paper (submitted by students on Dec.9) - 40%
- Attendance and active participation - 10%

Suggested Books
- Karen Armestrong, Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths, Ballantine Books, 1996
- Bernard Wasserstein, Divided Jerusalem: The Struggle for the Holy City, Yale University Press, 2011

Course Topics and Readings
Class 1 (Aug.26) – Introduction: City of Peace and Stone
- Karen Armestrong, Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths, pp. 3-36.

Class 2 (Aug.28) – History and Archeology: Jerusalem and the United Monarchy
- Eric H. Cline, Jerusalem Besieged, pp.11-66
- Karen Armestrong, Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths, pp. 38-78

Class 3 (Sep.2) – The Second Temple: Judah between Empires
- Eric H. Cline, Jerusalem Besieged, pp.68-95
- Karen Armestrong, Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths, pp. 79-123.

Class 4 (Sep.5) – From Rome to Jerusalem: Revolt and Destruction
- Eric H. Cline, Jerusalem Besieged, pp.96-135


Class 5 (Sep.9) – The Holy City in Christianity and under the Byzantine Empire
- Karen Armestrong, Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths, pp. 174-216


Class 6 (Sep.11) - Al-Quds: The place of Jerusalem in Early Islam
- Eric H. Cline, Jerusalem Besieged, pp.136-163

-Karen Armestrong, Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths, pp.217-270.

-Frank Peters, "Experiments in Harmony: Muslims, Christians and Jews in Jerusalem 635-1000 A.D", The Distant Shrine, pp.68-90


Class 7 (Sep.16) - The Crusades and the Kingdom of Jerusalem
- Eric H. Cline, Jerusalem Besieged, pp.164-199
- Karen Armestrong, Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths, pp.271-322

- Frank Peters, "A Pilgrimage in Arms: Jerusalem and the Crusades", *The Distant Shrine*, pp.91-108

Class 8 (Sep.18) – The Noble Sanctuary: Jerusalem as an Ottoman City


Class 9 (Sep.23) – Cities of the Levant: 19 century Jerusalem

Class 10 (Sep.25) – No Class

Class 11 (Sep.30) – Jerusalem in Jewish Nationalism and Zionism
- Bernard Wasserstein, *Divided Jerusalem: The Struggle for the Holy City*, pp.45-81


Class 12 (Oct.2) – Jerusalem and the Emergence of Arab Nationalism


Class 13 (Oct.7) – The City during the First World War and British Rule


- Roberto Mazza, "Missing Voices in Rediscovering Late Ottoman and Early British Jerusalem", *Jerusalem Quarterly*, 53 (2013), pp.61-71


Class 14 (Oct.9) – A Mixed City: Jews and Arabs during the British Mandate

- Bernard Wasserstein, *Divided Jerusalem: The Struggle for the Holy City*, pp.82-131


Class 15 (Oct.14) – The Sephardic Jewish Community of Jerusalem


Class 16 (Oct.16) – A City at War: Jerusalem, 1948


Class 17 (Oct.21) – A Capital City: Israeli Rule in Jerusalem, 1949-1967
- Bernard Wasserstein, *Divided Jerusalem*, pp.179-204

Class 18 (Oct.23) – East and West: Daily Life in Jerusalem
- Meron Benvenisti, *City of Stone*, pp.136-201
- Documentary Film, *Footsteps in Jerusalem: A Tribute to David Perlov* (2013)

Class 19 (Oct.28) – A Divided City: Between Jordanian and Palestinian Identities

Class 20 (Oct.30) – After 1967: Religion and Nationalism in a United City
- Bernard Wasserstein, *Divided Jerusalem*, pp.239-265
- Meron Benvenisti, *City of Stone*, pp.69-105
Class 21 (Nov. 4) – Urban Jerusalem in Hebrew Culture

- Dan Miron, "Depictions in Modern Hebrew Literature", Nitza Rosovsky (eds.), City of the Great King: Jerusalem from David to the Present, Harvard University Press, 1999, pp
- Film: Someone to Run With (2006), based on a novel by David Grossman

Class 22 (Nov. 11) – Book Review Presentations

Class 23 (Nov. 13) – Jerusalem Pilgrimage

- Film: "The Human Resources Manger" (Israel, 2010)

Class 24 (Nov. 18) – The City of David Excavations: A Guest Lecture

- Dr. Doron Ben-Ami, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a lecture on the city of David excavations

Class 25 (Nov. 20) – Between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv


Class 26 (Nov. 25) – Religion, Secularism and the Struggle for Jerusalem Identity

- Roger Friedland and Richard Hecht, To Rule Jerusalem, Cambridge University Press, 2000, pp.49-140
Class 27 (Dec.2) – A Contested City: Israelis and Palestinians in Jerusalem after 1967
- Bernard Wasserstein, *Divided Jerusalem*, pp.266-286

Class 28 (Dec.4) – Jerusalem, Fundamentalism and the Arab-Israeli Conflict
- Bernard Wasserstein, *Divided Jerusalem*, pp.287-344

Class 29 (Dec.9) – Without Borders: The Future of Jerusalem
- Sari Nusseibeh, "Negotiating the City: a Perspective of a Jerusalemite", *Jerusalem: Idea and Reality*, pp.198-204