

Varieties of Judaism – Prospectus [MT 25]

3310 VARIETIES OF JUDAISM 100-100

Location: Schwartzman Building, Room 00.079

Date and Time: Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 am

Description

This course examines the earliest centuries of the formation of Judaism in the Graeco-Roman Period.

The course considers the creative and innovative expressions of Judaism across a variety of linguistic and cultural registers. Attention is paid to precursors of rabbinic Judaism during the Hellenistic period as well as subsequent developments in Late Antiquity. Focus is paid to primary texts in translation from the Land of Israel (Jerusalem, Qumran and sites such as Masada and Wadi Murabba'at) as well as texts from diaspora centres such as Alexandria and Rome. The goal of the course is to understand the broad, integrated and variegated forms of Judaism that preceded the emergence of the rabbinic movement. Set texts will be drawn from English translations of significant writings in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

Lectures Overview

Week	Topic
1	Introduction: Diversity and Unity in the Study of Ancient Judaism (Meron Piotrkowski)
2	Israel in Egypt and the Torah in Greek (Alison Salvesen)
3	Crisis and Response in the World of the Maccabees (Meron Piotrkowski)
4	The <i>Yahad</i> and the Dead Sea Scrolls (Meron Piotrkowski)
5	The Jews and their Temples (Meron Piotrkowski)
6	Josef ben Mattityahu and Flavius Josephus: A Jewish Historian in the Roman World (Meron Piotrkowski)
7	Conceptions of the Supernatural: Between Prayer, 'Magic', and Scripture (Dorota Molin)
8	Between Exegesis and Materiality: Synagogues and Rabbis (Alison Salvesen and Meron Piotrkowski)