



Full Syllabus



Course Title

Introduction to the Archaeology and History of the Land of the Bible in the Late Bronze Age

Lecturer

Dr. Sabine Kleiman

Semester

First Semester

Course requirements

- The course requires attendance in class (only three classes can be missed throughout the semester!)
- Reading assignments for each class
- Participation in class
- Participation in two tours (one for the Course LB and one for the Course I AI/IIA):
(1) The Lowlands: Tel Lachish, Tel Beth Shemesh and Khirbet Qeiyafa > 9.11.23
(2) The South: Tel Beer Sheba and Tel Arad > 28.12.23

Final grade components

- Three papers: Two for Course LB and Course IA I/IIA (topics and deadlines see below); for the attendees of all three courses a summarizing paper to be submitted at the end of the second semester (topics and deadline tba)
 - Group-presentations for Course IA IIB/C on Wednesday 03.01.2023

Course schedule

Class no. / Date	Subject and Requirements (assignments, reading materials, tasks, etc.)
1-2/16.10.23	Introduction + The Levant – Geography, Topography, Chronology
3/18.10.23	The Canaanites – Memories from the Middle Bronze Age (reading: Greenberg, R. 2019. <i>The Archaeology of the Bronze Age Levant</i> . Cambridge: 180-188, 207-219)
4-5/23.10.23	The Land of the Fathers – Introduction to the Late Bronze Age (reading: Panitz-Cohen, N. 2014. <i>The Southern Levant (Cisjordan) during the Late Bronze Age</i> . In: Steiner, M.L. and Killebrew, A. eds. <i>The Oxford Handbook of the Archaeology of the Levant c. 8000–332 BCE</i> . Oxford)
6/25.10.23	The Land of the Fathers – Canaan and the Conquest of Egypt (reading: Redford, D.B. 1992. <i>Egypt, Canaan, and Israel in Ancient Times</i> . Princeton: 125-191)
7-8/30.10.23	The Late Bronze Age Textual Evidence – The Amarna Letters I (reading: selected Amarna letters)
9/01.11.23	The Late Bronze Age Textual Evidence – The Amarna Letters II (reading: selected Amarna letters)
10-11/06.11.23	The Land of the Fathers – Canaan under the Ramessides (reading: Redford, D.B. 2000. <i>Egypt and Western Asia in the late New Kingdom: An Overview</i> . In: Oren E. D., ed. <i>The Sea Peoples and Their World: A Reassessment</i> (University Museum Monograph 108). Philadelphia: 1–20)
12/08.11.23	The Sea Peoples and the End of the Bronze Age (Reading: Stager, L.E. 1995. <i>The Impact of the Sea Peoples in Canaan (1185–1050 BCE)</i> . In: Levy, T.E. (ed.) <i>The Archaeology of Society in the Holy Land</i> . New York: 332–348)
13-14/13.11.23	The Sea Peoples and the Beginning of the Iron Age (reading: Kleiman, S. 2021. <i>Potters</i>



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