



Full Syllabus



Course Title

Introduction to the Archaeology and History of the Land of the Bible in the Iron Age I/IIA

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

Final grade components

Course schedule

Class no. / Date	Subject and Requirements (assignments, reading materials, tasks, etc.)
1/15.11.23	Israelites, Canaanites, Philistines, Judahites – a Question of Identity (Maier, A. 2021. On Defining Israel: Or, Let's do the Kulturkreislehre again! (HEBAI 10/2))
2-3/20.11.23	The Israelite Settlement – Regeneration and Reinvention during the Iron Age I (Part I/reading: Finkelstein, I. 1996. Ethnicity and the Origin of the Iron I Settlers in the Highlands of Canaan: Can the Real Israel Stand Up?. BA 59: 198–212)
4/22.11.23	The Israelite Settlement – Regeneration and Reinvention during the Iron Age I (Part II)
5-6/27.11.23	The Iron Age Textual Evidence – The Old Testament I (reading: selected biblical passages)
7/29.11.23	The Iron Age Textual Evidence – The Old Testament II (reading: selected biblical passages)
8-9/04.12.23	From the Stump of Canaan – The Formation of the Kingdom of Israel I (reading: Finkelstein, I. 2013. The Forgotten Kingdom. Atlanta: 22–36, 83–112.) (deadline for 1st assignment)
10/06.12.23	From the Stump of Canaan – The Formation of the Kingdom of Judah II (reading: Lehmann, G. and Niemann, H.M. 2014. When Did the Shephelah Become Judahite? <i>Tel Aviv</i> 41: 77–94.)
11-12/11.12.23	Individual meetings: discussion of the study process and suggestion of paper topics
13/13.12.23	Trade and Commerce in the Bronze and Iron Ages – Inland Trade and the Desert Copper Industry (Ben-Yosef, E. 2016. Back to Solomon's Era: Results of the First Excavations at "Slaves' Hill" (Site 34, Timna, Israel). <i>BASOR</i> 376: 160–198)



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