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**Off. Hours:**

**Medieval Iberia: Conflicts and Encounters**  
**Wednesday 3:30-5:30**

The seminar *Medieval Iberia: Conflicts and Encounters* stresses the political conflicts and cultural clashes on the one hand, and the processes of integration and acculturation on the other, which characterized the interactions between Christians, Muslims, and Jews in medieval Iberia. Most of the Iberian Peninsula was conquered by the Muslims during 711 - 718, bringing the Visigoth kingdom to its end. This conquest initiated a series of processes in the course of which three distinctive cultural unities and several political entities emerged. *Al Andalus*, the Muslim socio-cultural unity, was composed of Arabs and Berbers immigrating to Iberia, and progressively more and more local Muslims (*muwallads*). Christian and Jewish *dhimma* (peoples of the Book) also flourished under the rule of several political entities: emirate, caliphate, party-kingdoms (*taifas*), and African dynasties. *Hispania* developed in the northern strip of the peninsula out of the encounter between the local population (Basques, Astures, and Cantabrians) and the Visigoths and Hispano-Romans émigrés arriving from the area under Muslim rule. *Sefarad*, the Jewish socio-cultural entity fluctuated between prosperity and adversity, first under the Muslim political entities, and later under the Christian ones. This seminar presents the history of permanent

transitions in politics, demography, economy, society, and culture based on a thorough analysis of a wide variety of selected and translated primary sources as well as the historiography that has evolved during the last sixty years of scholarship.

**Requirement:** Active participation in class discussions based on preliminary reading and analysis of primary sources and historiography.

**Assignment:** A seminar paper will be submitted by the end of (seminar) course. The subject, research questions, bibliography, and structure of the paper will be discussed with and approved by me.

<b>Grading:</b> Active participation in class	40%
Seminar paper	60%

### **Introducing Medieval Iberia**

**1/20/2010**

#### **1. The Historical Context**

Carr, R. (Ed.) Spain: A History. New York: University Press, 2000. Chs. 4-6.

Glick, T. F. Islamic and Christian Spain in the Early Middle Ages. Princeton University Press, 1979.

O'Callaghan, J. F. Reconquest and Crusade in Medieval Spain. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004.

**1/27/2010**

#### **2. The Historiographical Context**

Lourie, E. "A Society Organized for War: Medieval Spain". Past and Present. 35 (1966). pp. 54-76.

Glick, T. and Pi-Sunyer, O. "The Acculturation as an Explanatory Concept in Spanish History". Comparative Studies in Society and History. 11 (1969) pp. 136-154.

Sanchez Albornoz, C. Spain, A Historical Enigma. Translated by Dees, C. J. and Reher, D. S. Madrid: Fundación Universitaria Española, 1975, pp. 207-246.

Castro, A. The Structure of Spanish History. Translated by King, E. L. Princeton University Press, 1954, pp. 81-129.

Castro, A. The Spaniards: An Introduction to their History. Translated by King, W. F. and Margaretten, S. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1971, pp.48-94.

Glick, T. F. From Muslim Fortress to Christian Castle. Manchester and New York: Manchester University Press, 1995.

### **Part I: Muslim Hegemony (711-1031)**

**2/3/2010**

#### **3. The Muslim Conquest of Iberia (711-718)**

Primary Sources:

al-Dabbi. *Kitab bughyat al-multamis*. CMIII, pp. 10-13.

Ibn al-Khatib. CMIII, pp. 22-23.

*Continuatio Isidoriana Hispana ad annum 754*. CMI, pp. 10-13.

Ibn al-Qutiyya. *Tarikh iftitah al-Andalus*. CMIII, pp. 2-5.

Ibn 'Abd al-Hakam. *Futuh Misr wa'l-Maghrib wa'l-Andalus*. CMIII, pp. 6-9.

*Historia pseudo-Isidoriana*. CMI, pp. 14-17.

Jiménez de Rada, R. *De rebus Hispaniae*. CMI, pp. 8-9.

Alfonso X. *Estoria de España*. CMI, pp. 18-23.

Secondary Sources:

Collins, R. The Arab Conquest of Spain 710-797. Oxford: Blackwell, 1994, pp. 23-51, 96-112, 126-141.

Fregosi, P. Jihad in the West. Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus, 1998, pp. 89-100.

Taha, Abdulwahid. The Muslim Conquest and Settlement of North Africa and Spain. London: Routledge, 1992.

**2/10/2010**

#### **4. Resistance in the North and *Fitna* in the South**

**\* At the beginning of this meeting all students must submit their paper proposal which includes: subject, research questions, and bibliography.**

## Primary Sources:

*Chronica prophetica*. CMI, pp. 48-49.  
*Crónica de Alfonso III*. MI, pp. 39-42 & CMI, pp. 24-29.  
*Crónica Albelda*. MI, pp. 56-61.  
 al-Maqqari. *Nafh al-tib*. CMIII, pp. 18-21.  
 Ibn Sa'id. *al-Mughrib fi hula al-Maghrib*. CMIII, p. 21.  
*Crónica de Sampiro*. CMI, pp. 50-53.  
*Poema de Fernán González*. CMI, pp. 54-61.

Ibn al-Qutiyya. *Tarikh iftitah al-Andalus*. MI, pp. 45-47.  
 Ibn Hayyan. *al-Muqtabis*. CMIII, pp. 32-37 & MI, pp.67-72.  
 Ibn 'Abd Rabbihi. *Iqd al-farid*. MI, pp. 61-67.  
 Ibn 'Idhari. *al-Bayan al-mughrib*. CMIII, pp. 24-27.  
 Ibn Hayyan. *al-Muqtabis*, V. CMIII, pp. 44-51.

## Secondary Sources:

Marin Guzman, R. "The Causes of the Revolt of Umar Ibn Hafsun in Al-Andalus (880-928)". *Arabica* 42 (1995). Pp. 180-221.

Fierro, M. "Four Questions in Connection with Ibn Hafsun". Marin, M. (Ed.) The Formation of al-Andalus. Ashgate, 1998. Part 1, pp. 291-327.

Chejne, A. "Islamization and Arabization in al-Andalus: A General View". Speros Vryonis Jr. (Ed.) Islam and Cultural Changes in the Middle Ages. Wiesbaden: O.Harrassowitz, 1975, pp. 59-86.

Wolf, K. B. "Christians Views of Islam in Early Medieval Spain". Tolan, J. V. (Ed.) Medieval Christian Perceptions of Islam. New York : Garland, 1996, pp. 85-108.

Manzano, E. "The Creation of a Medieval Frontier: Islam and Christianity in the Iberian Peninsula, Eighth to Eleventh Centuries", Power, D. and Standen, N. (Eds.) Frontiers in Question. Eurasian Borderlands, 700-1700. Macmillan Press, 1999, pp. 32-54.

Christys, A. "Crossing the Frontier of Ninth-Century Hispania". Abulafia, D. (Ed.) Medieval Frontiers: Concepts and Practices. Ashgate, 2002, pp. 35-54.

**2/17/2010 First one on one conference for determining paper subject, research questions, and bibliography.**

## Part II: Reversal of Power

2/24/2010

### 5. Taifa Kingdoms

Primary Sources:

'Abd-Allah. *Tibyan*. MI, pp. 103-107.

'Abd al-Wahid al-Marrakushi. *al-Mu'jib fi talkhis akhbar al maghrib*. CMIII, pp. 92-99. & MI, pp.185-189.

*Cantar de Mio Cid*.

Alfonso X. *Estoria de España*. CMI, pp. 108-119.

Secondary Sources:

Reilly, B. *The Contest of Christian and Muslim Spain*. Oxford: Blackwell, 1992, pp. 17-21.

Wasserstein, D. *The Rise and Fall of the Party Kings*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1985, pp. 249-296.

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### 6. Christian Conquests

Primary Sources:

*Chronica Adefonsi Imperatoris*. CMI, pp. 138-143, 154-159, 168-171

Caffaro. *De captione Almerie et Tortuose*. CMI, pp. 172-179.

*De expugnatione Lyxbonensi*. MI, pp. 133-136.

al-Himyari. *al-Raud al-mi'tar*. CMIII, pp. 134-137.

Juan de Osma. *Crónica de los reyes de Castilla*. CMII, pp. 2-5.

*Privilegio a la cofradía de Belchite*. MI, pp. 156-158.

*Donación de Calatrava*. MI, pp. 158-159.

*La orden militar de Santiago*. MI, pp. 159-161.

*Tratado de Cazorla*. MI, pp. 162-163.

*Royal Report to the Pope*. CMII, pp. 14-25.

'Abd al-Wahid al-Marrakushi. *al-Mu'jib fi talkhis akhbar al maghrib*. CMIII, pp. 138-141.

Secondary Sources:

Lomax, D. *The Reconquest of Spain*. London: Longmans, 1978.

Bishko, Ch. "Spanish and Portuguese Reconquest 1095-1492". Bishko, Ch. *Studies in Medieval Spanish Frontier History*. London: Variorum Reprints, 1980.

Gonzalez Jimenez, M. "Frontier and Settlement in the Kingdom of Castile (1085-1350)". Bartlett, R. and Mackay, A. (Eds.) Medieval Frontier Societies. Clarendon Press, 1994, pp. 49-74.

**3/10/2010**

## **7. The Conquest of Granada**

**\* At the beginning of this meeting all students must submit the outline of their paper which includes: list of chapters and detailed outline for each chapter.**

Primary Sources:

Hernando del Pulgar. *Crónica de los señores reyes católicos Don Fernando y Doña Isabel*. MI, pp. 343-344.

*Capitulaciones de Granada*. MI, pp. 344-350.

*Nubdhat al-'asr*. MI, pp. 350-351, CMIII, pp. 186-191, pp. 182-183.

Secondary Sources:

MacKay, A. "Religion, Culture, and Ideology on the Late Medieval Castilian-Granadan Frontier". Bartlett, R. and Mackay, A. (Eds.) Medieval Frontier Societies. Clarendon Press, 1994, pp. 217-244.

**3/17/2010 Second one on one conference for discussing the paper structure and the chapters outlines.**

## **Part III: Minorities under Alien Rule: Conflicts and Encounters**

**3/24/2010**

## **8. Christians of al-Andalus**

Primary Sources:

Eulogius. *Memoriale Sanctorum*. CMI, pp. 42-47.

Paulus Alvarus. *Vita Eulogii*. MI, pp. 51-55.

*Istoria de Mahomet*. MI, pp. 48-50.

Alfonso X. *Estoria de España*. CMI, pp. 2-7.

Ibn Hazm. *al-Fasl fi al milal*. MI, pp. 81-83.

Chronicle of the Franciscan Order. CMII, pp. 26-31.  
 al-Wansharishi. *Kitab al-mi'yar almu'rib*. CMIII, pp. 28-31.  
 al-Khushani. *Qudat Qurtuba*. CMIII, pp. 38-43.  
 Ibn 'Abd al-Ra'uf et 'Umar al-Garsifi. *Traités de hisba*. CMIII, pp. 110-115.  
 Ibn Sairafi. *Kitab al-anvar al-jalila*. CMIII, pp. 128-133.

#### Secondary Sources:

Mikel de Epalza. "Mozarabs: An Emblematic Christian Minority in Islamic al-Andalus". Salma Khadra Jayyusi (Ed.) The Legacy of Muslim Spain. Leiden: Brill, 1994, pp. 149-170.

Levi Provençal, E. "Mozarabs" Encyclopaedia of Islam. First ed. vol. VI, pp. 611-612.

Chalmeta, P. "Mozarabes". Encyclopaedia of Islam. Second ed. vol. VII, pp. 246-249.

Daniel, N. The Arabs and Medieval Europe. London : Longman, 1975, pp. 23-35.

Drees, C. "Sainthood and Suicide: The Motives of the Martyrs of Cordoba, A. D. 850-859". Ecclesiastical History Society, pp. 59-89.

**4/7/2010**

### **9. Mozarabs under Christian Rule**

Hitchcock, R. Mozarabs in Medieval and Early Modern Spain: Identities and Influences. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008.

**4/14/2010**

### **10. The Mudejars**

**\* At the beginning of this meeting all students must submit a two pages sample writing out of their seminar paper.**

#### Primary Sources:

*Genealogia Sarracenorum Sancte Marie Superaddi*  
 Ice de Gebir. *Breviario sunni*. MI, pp. 327-329.  
*Muslims and Christians in Valencia*. MI, pp. 338-342.

#### Secondary Sources:

Chalmeta, P. "Mudejar". Encyclopaedia of Islam. Second ed. vol. VIII, pp. 286-289.

Harvey. Islamic Spain (1250-1500). Chicago: The University of Chicago press, 1990.

Powell, J.(Ed.) Muslims under Latin rule, 1100-1300. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1990.

**4/21/2010**

### **11. The Jews in al-Andalus**

Primary Sources:

Abraham ibn Daud. *The Book of Tradition*. MI, pp. 73-74, 99-102.

Samuel ibn Naghrela. *The Battle of Alfuenta*. MI, pp. 84-90.

‘Abd Allah ibn Buluggin. *Tibyan*. MI, pp. 92-96.

Abu Ishaq of Elvira. *Qasida*. MI, pp. 96-99.

Ibn ‘Abdun, *Hisba*. MI, pp. 175-179.

Secondary Sources:

Ashtor, Eliyahu. The Jews of Moslem Spain. Translated from the Hebrew by Klein, A. and Machlowitz Klein, J. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society of America, 1973- 1984, pp. 228-354.

Cohen, M. Under Crescent and Cross: the Jews in the Middle Ages. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1994.

**4/28/2010**

### **12. The Jews in the Christian Kingdoms**

Primary Sources:

*Usatges of Barcelona*. MI, pp. 125-130.

Judah ha Levi. *From the Cairo Geniza*. MI, pp. 131-132.

Petrus Alfonsi. *Disciplina Clericalis*. MI, pp. 152-155.

*Siete Partidas*. MI, pp. 269-275.

*Autos de Fe*. MI, pp. 330-337.

*Charter of Expulsion of the Jews*. MI, pp. 352-356.

Judah Abravanel. *Poem to His Son*. MI, pp. 357-363.

Secondary Sources:

Baer, Yitzhak. A History of the Jews in Christian Spain. Translated from the Hebrew by Schoffman, L. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society of America, 1978, pp. 78-137.



Ray, Jonathan. The Sephardic Frontier: the Reconquista and the Jewish Community in Medieval Iberia. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2006.

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### **13. Closing Discussion and Concluding Remarks: Medieval Iberia in the Sources, Historiography, and History**

#### **Primary Sources Collections:**

Smith, C. (Ed.) Christians and Moors in Spain. Warminster, England: Aris & Phillips, 1988-1992. Vol.I. (CMI)

Smith, C. (Ed.) Christians and Moors in Spain. Warminster, England: Aris & Phillips, 1988-1992. Vol.II. (CMII)

Melville, Ch. and Ubaydli, A. (Eds.) Christians and Moors in Spain. Vol. III. Warminster, England: Aris & Phillips, 1988-1992. (CMIII)

Constable, O. R. (Ed.) Medieval Iberia: Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1997. (MI)