



The CEU Summer University announces the course
MESSIANISM - JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES
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BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will explore the ancient messianic idea, its spatial expansion, and its ideational development up to the present. The topic will be approached from a wide variety of disciplines (Political Science, History, Philosophy, Anthropology), sharing a common focus on the messiah as a central and enduring symbol of Jewish and Christian societies and their interconnected eschatological expectations.

The main aim and objective of this course is to provide a solid knowledge of the role of messianism in shaping Jewish and Christian traditions in order to

- relate this knowledge to phenomena in modern society and thought,
- create the ability to evaluate the ongoing relevance of the messianic traditions in modern thought and politics, and
- identify the religious dimensions in seemingly secular ideologies and movements.

This summer school is divided into two one-week sections. The first week covers the ancient oriental origins of the messianic idea and its articulation in Judaism and Christianity up to the Late Middle Ages. The second week focuses on the messianic symbolisms in modern Christians and Jewish societies but also in the political visions of liberalism and socialism, in Romantic literature, as well as in idealist and existential philosophy.

Applications are invited from junior faculty and advanced graduate students.



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Application deadline: February 15, 2010

For further academic information on the course and on eligibility criteria and funding options please visit the web site at

<http://www.summer.ceu.hu/messianism>

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