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## Blockseminar: Judeans and Jews, Priests and Rabbis: The History of Judaism in Antiquity

A survey of ancient Jewish history from the sixth century BCE to the fourth century CE—from the construction of the Second Temple to the Christianization of the Roman Empire. The course will focus on the major dichotomies that were played out in the period, between religion and state, priestly religion and rabbinic religion, nature and law, East and West—processes that eventually issued in the transformation of Judeans into Jews, the rise of Christianity and of rabbinic Judaism, and the shift of the center of Jewish culture from the Greek-speaking West, and from Palestine, to the Aramaic-speaking East, where the Babylonian Talmud was produced. The course will strive to give a clear picture of the major developments of the era, but also to relate to the main historiographical debates that pertain to interpreting it. It will also introduce students to the relevant historical sources and to the philological-historical methods that can allow us to read the sources as historians.

- Mon 26 August  
13:00—17:00 Uhr
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- Tue 27 August  
13:00—17:00 Uhr
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- Wed 28 August  
13:00—17:00 Uhr
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- Thur 29 August  
13:00—16:00 Uhr
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- Mon 2 September  
13:00—17:00 Uhr
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- Tue 3 September  
13:00—17:00 Uhr
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- Wed 4 September  
13:00—17:00 Uhr
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- Thur 5 September  
13:00—16:00 Uhr
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Theologisches Seminar  
Kirchgasse 9  
8001 Zürich  
Room: KIR-103

The course is open to students and auditors. Please register until August 5, 2019: [sekretariat@theol.uzh.ch](mailto:sekretariat@theol.uzh.ch)  
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Mon 9 September

13:00—17:00 Uhr

Tue 10 September

13:00—17:00 Uhr

Wed 11 September

13:00—17:00 Uhr

Thur 12 September

13:00—16:00 Uhr

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## Blockseminar: The Modern Study of Ancient Judaism

The study of ancient Judaism, namely the routes Jews took between the Hebrew Bible, on the one hand, and Christianity and rabbinic Judaism, on the other, depends upon ancient sources. But it is not static. The ancient sources are not static, whether because our editions or translations of them change; or because new sources (such as the Dead Sea Scrolls) become available or formerly accepted sources lose their claim to authenticity; or because we decide that the relevant dossier of sources concerning a given topic has to be configured differently; or because we bring new methods and assumptions to our analysis of them. Moreover, the questions we put to the sources, and the answers we prefer to receive from them, can change according to the modern contexts in which we live and work; in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, for example, such developments as religious reform, Zionism, the Holocaust, the foundation of a Jewish state, the rise of Jewish Studies as an academic discipline, and feminism, could not fail to have their impact. Students of ancient Judaism and Christianity must understand the contexts and processes that generate and shape scholarship on the period, and students of modern history too may find here an interesting field to plow. This seminar will address general developments and specific episodes in the modern study of ancient Judaism; focus on the factors that generated and shaped the debates; and ask about their abiding significance for our understanding of ancient Judaism and Christianity.

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