

II INTENSIVE SUMMER COURSE

THE ORIGINS OF AL-ANDALUS

CONQUEST, ISLAMIZATION AND ARABIZATION

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CASA ÁRABE, CORDOBA

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CORDOBA AND AL-ANDALUS

The image above speaks for itself: built as the Friday Mosque of Cordoba, it is not only an extraordinary example of medieval Arab architecture and a popular tourist destination, it is at the same time the embodiment of the civilization of al-Andalus, of the power and cultural hegemony it exercised over centuries, of its fall and of its persisting appeal and legacy in our days.

This **II Intensive Summer Course** held in Casa Árabe Cordoba will introduce English speakers to the fascinating history of al-Andalus. Specialists from different academic institutions will guide a select group of students in a series of seminar-style intensive classes throughout a week-long course.

This year, the course will focus on the processes that led to the formation of al-Andalus as an Islamic society. Together we will explore issues related to the sources at our disposal to reconstruct such processes (including literary sources, archaeology and numismatics) and the debates regarding their interpretation.

VENUE

The choice of the Casa Árabe in Cordoba as the venue for the course hardly needs any explanation. It is housed in the beautiful **Casa Mudéjar**, a 14-16th century building whose restoration received the World Heritage City Award 2011 from the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports. (<http://www.casaarabe.es/sedes/show/casa-arabe-cordoba>). The Casa is located at a three-minute walk from the Mosque-Cathedral.

THE STUDENTS AND COURSE STRUCTURE

The course is directed at **university students and scholars** who – regardless of their specialization – want to become familiar with the most relevant issues related to the history of al-Andalus. Taught in English, it aims at guiding the participants to the wide range of scholarly research on al-Andalus. **Thirty students** will be selected from among the applicants (for the application procedure see below).

Students are not required to have knowledge of Arabic or any other **language** except English; for those who are proficient in Arabic, guidance in the Arabic sources will be provided as a complement.

A basic **bibliography** of studies in English will be provided once the selection of students has been made and registration has been finalized. The students selected are expected to become familiar with that bibliography before the beginning of the course. A more comprehensive bibliography, including the most relevant studies in a variety of languages, will be provided during the course.

As the course is **intensive and text-oriented**, students are required to be present at each class. An attendance certificate will correspondingly be provided. For those interested in producing a research paper, assignments will be given and upon submission (within six months) an examination certificate can be obtained.

TEACHERS

- Rafael BLANCO, University of Cordoba
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- Santiago CASTELLANOS, University of Leon
- Maribel FIERRO, ILC-CSIC, Madrid
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- Eduardo MANZANO, Institute of History, CSIC, Madrid
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- M^a Ángeles UTRERO, CSIC-EEA, Granada
- Antonio VALLEJO, Fine Arts Museum, Cordoba
- M^a Ángeles VICENTE, University of Zaragoza

SCHEDULE

The course will take place during the third week of July, from Monday 17 to Saturday 22, with a total of **37 hours**. On Saturday morning, class will be held in the Umayyad palatine town of Madinat al-Zahra'. The course will be completed by two archeological workshops on Wednesday and Friday morning, and a visit to the numismatic collection at the Archaeological Museum in Cordoba.

PROGRAM

Monday 17 Casa Árabe, Cordoba

08:30 - 09:30 **M. Fierro**, Introduction

09:30 - 11:30 **A. García-Sanjuán**, *Debate and controversy over the Islamic conquest of Iberia (I)*

11:30 - 12:00 **Coffee**

12:00 - 14:00 **A. García-Sanjuán**, *Debate and controversy over the Islamic conquest of Iberia (II)*

14:00 - 17:00 **Break**

17:00 - 19:00 **S. Castellanos**, *The Visigothic Kingdom on the eve of the Islamic conquest*

Welcome dinner

Tuesday 18 Casa Árabe, Cordoba

08:30 - 11:00 **R. Blanco**, *Archaeological Workshop (Cordoba archaeological sites)*

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee**

11:30 - 13:30 **E. Manzano**, *The Islamic conquest in Latin sources*

13:30 - 17:00 **Break**

17:00 - 19:00 **J. Lorenzo**, *The Islamic conquest in Arabic sources*

Wednesday 19 Casa Árabe, Cordoba

08:30 - 11:00 **R. Blanco**, *Archaeological Workshop (Cordoba archaeological sites)*

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee**

11:30 - 13:30 **J. C. Carvajal**, *Islamization and Arabization through Archaeological sources (I)*

13:30 - 17:00 **Break**

17:00 - 19:00 **J. C. Carvajal**, *Islamization and Arabization through Archaeological sources (II)*

Thursday 20 Casa Árabe, Cordoba

09:00 - 11:00 **M^a A. Utrero**, *Architecture of transition between Christianity and Islam (I)*

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee**

11:30 - 13:30 **M^a A. Utrero**, *Architecture of transition between Christianity and Islam (II)*

13:30 - 17:00 **Break**

17:00 - 19:00 **T. Ibrahim**, *Seals and Coins of the Islamic conquest*

Friday 21 Casa Árabe, Cordoba

09:00 - 11:00 **T. Ibrahim**, *Visit to the Archaeological Museum of Cordoba*

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee**

11:30 - 13:30 **J. P. Monferrer**, *Arabization and non-Muslim communities*

13:30 - 15:30 **Break**

15:30 - 17:30 **M^a A. Vicente**, *Linguistic Arabization*

17:30 - 18:00 **Coffee**

18:00 - 19:00 **M. Fierro**, *The Islamization of al-Andalus*

Saturday 22 Madinat al-Zahra', Cordoba

09:30 - 13:30 **Antonio Vallejo**, *Residential and administrative architecture during the Umayyad caliphate in al-Andalus and its political representation*

LODGING AND MEALS

Coffee will be provided in the morning breaks and the fee includes as well a welcome dinner. Students should arrange for the rest of their meals and lodging. Cordoba has many hotels and restaurants. A selection of the different options available around Casa Árabe will be provided upon registration.

APPLICATION AND FEE

Those interested are requested to send an e-mail message to infocordoba@casaarabe.es, indicating in the message subject line: Intensive **Summer Course Al-Andalus**. They need to provide a brief introduction about the candidate's profile, including first and last names (maximum 300 words), and a letter expressing their interest in the course. The deadline is **March 31th 2017**. Those 30 selected will be contacted by April 30th 2017.

Once confirmation of admittance is received, registration must be completed using the application form that will be sent. The fee for the course is 250 €.

Further information:

CASA ÁRABE

Calle Samuel de los Santos Gener, 9.

From Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

infocordoba@casaarabe.es

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