Teach Mob – Visiting Professors  
Academic year 2016/2017

2nd Term

COURSE TITLE
Arabic Language

Scientific area
Arabic Language and Literature

Department of Humanities

Language used to teach: English (and Arabic)

Teaching Commitment: 36 hours

Course summary
Students should have reached the A2-level of linguistic proficiency according to the ELP and have a basic knowledge of Islam and Islamic history.

During the course, a selection of religious texts will be presented to offer the students an overview of the main text types and genres: from the Qur’ān to hadith literature, commentaries, stories of the prophets, philosophical texts and mystical poems.

Forms and contents of the texts will be placed in the context of the history of Arabic as a Kultursprache and of the process of text production and transmission in the Arabic-Islamic world. Moreover, aesthetic dimensions related to the audio and visual representation of these texts, such as calligraphy, recitation, and manuscript illumination, will be treated.

Students will be asked to read the assigned texts at home and present and discuss their translation in class.

In discussing the translations, special attention will be paid to syntax: relative clauses, subordinate clauses, use of the modes and complex sentence types. The teacher will single out structure, salient features, formulae, text connectives and specific vocabulary of the various text types and genres.

Learning objectives
The course aims to develop:

1) listening, reading and speaking skills in Modern Standard Arabic at the level B1 of the ELP
2) cultural awareness, especially as regards the history of the Arabic language and its relationship with Islamic culture.

It focuses on understanding culture as encoded in Arabic vocabulary and expressed by texts, aiming at a first familiarization with textual practices in the Arabic-Islamic world.

Main objective is to equip students with the necessary linguistic skills that enable them to read religious texts as produced and transmitted in various centuries and engage in discussions about topics of cultural relevance in academic standard Arabic, especially on the subjects discussed in the texts.

Tutorship activities
20 additional hours of language training will support comprehensive and productive skills in reading and speech.

Activities will be based on the active use of the language (reading and discussion of texts) and be guided by a native speaker, in close cooperation with the visiting professor.
Lab activities

Other activities besides the course: i.e. seminars and conferences addressed to PhD students and research fellows, dissemination conferences

Visiting Professor Profile
The Visiting Professor is assistant or associate or full professor, has an international academic reputation in the field of Arabic and Islamic studies, as shown by number and level of her/his scientific publications. S/He has experience in teaching Arabic language at university level and can teach in English. A native knowledge of Arabic is a desirable plus.

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