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ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS COURSE CATALOGUE

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Department of History

COURSE TITLE: Ceremonies, Rituals, Myths and Legends in the Middle Ages		
Course instructor	Assistant Professor Kosana Jovanović	
Study programme	Undergraduate study programme in History	
Status of the course	Elective	
Year of study	1, 2, 3	
ECTS credits and manner of instruction	ECTS credits	3
	Number of class hours (Lectures + Exercises + Seminars)	30+0+0

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

1.1. Course objectives

This course aims at surpassing the frames of medieval political history while giving insight into how particular social and cultural aspects affected the overall further development of medieval society. During this course the students will analyse how medieval society used ceremonies and rituals to present certain norms of conduct. In addition, the aim of the course is to present the role and importance of myths and legends in medieval society and its progress.

1.2. Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course

None.

1.3. Expected course learning outcomes

After a successful completion of this course the students will be capable of:

- Identifying basic information on the social and cultural sphere of the medieval period
- Defining fundamental information on the impact and use of ceremonies, rituals, myths and legends in medieval society
- Applying the acquired knowledge on the impact and use of ceremonies, rituals, myths and legends in medieval society.

1.4. Course content

The course is thematically divided into three segments. The first deals with political ceremonies and rituals in the Middle Ages; the second analyses the origin, importance and impact of myths in medieval society;

the third analyses the role of legends during the Middle Ages.

Some of the topics that will be covered during the course are:

- Coronation rituals
- Royal funeral rituals
- King's Two Body theory and the evolution of the Christocentric concept of medieval royal power
- Rituals of transference of power
- Vassalage rituals
- Sacred and profane rituals: religion, magic and the medieval society
- Les Rois thaumaturges
- *Beata stirps*
- Hagiography and the *Legenda Aurea*

1.5. Manner of instruction

- ✓ Lectures
- ✓ Seminars and workshops
- ✓ Distance learning
- ✓ Individual assignments
- ✓ Other: research