

*The perception of
Jerusalem is the history
of the world; it is more; it
is the history of heaven
and earth*
- Benjamin Disraeli

**Jerusalem in History
and Imagination**

PhD Course in Jerusalem,
October 19–28 2020
5 ECTS points

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This PhD course investigates the historical interactions between the historical city of Jerusalem and the symbolic Jerusalem in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic imagination. The course is conducted as a combination of lectures by the course organizers, local guest lectures, excursions in Jerusalem, and student presentations. Apart from Nordic doctoral candidates, the PhD course will be attended by a group of MA students in Theology from Aarhus University.

Preliminary Program

Day 1: Arrival. Visit to the Western Wall.

Day 2: Jerusalem in the Hebrew Bible: City of David, the Tunnel of Hezekiah

Day 3 Jerusalem in the New Testament: The Israel Museum, Jerusalem Archeological Park

Day 4 The Byzantine Construction of the Holy Land: Mount of Olives, Via Dolorosa, the Holy Sepulcher

Day 5 Islam and the Crusades: Lectures at Hebrew University, Visit to *Haram-as-Sharif*.

Day 6 Zionism and the Holocaust: Mount Herzl, the Yad VaShem Museum

Day 7 Day off

Day 8 The Israel/Palestine Conflict: Visit to Bethlehem

Day 9 Group excursions

Day 10 Departure

Literature (800-900 pages)

Simon Sebag Montefiore, *Jerusalem: The Biography*. London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 2011
Anders-Christian Lund Jacobsen and Kasper Bro Larsen (eds.), *Kompendium til "Jerusalem i historien og det forestillede Jerusalem"* (collection of articles and book chapters in English).

Practicalities

Price: Approximately 6500,- DKK including accommodation in double rooms, breakfast, and entrance fees. Hotel is located right outside the Old City.

Participants organize their own overseas travel to and from Jerusalem. Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv is the closest international airport.

For updates and registration, visit the website of the Nordic Network for the Study of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in the First Millennium at <https://nnjci.mf.no> or contact Anders-Christian Lund Jacobsen (alj@cas.au.dk) and Kasper Bro Larsen (kbl@cas.au.dk).
Registration deadline: July 1, 2020.