

V INTENSIVE SUMMER COURSE

A City's tale between Rome and al-Andalus

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CASA ÁRABE, CORDOBA

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Photo: Córdoba Roman Bridge

CORDOBA BETWEEN ROME AND AL-ANDALUS

The image above speaks for itself: in the background, built as the Friday Mosque of Cordoba, an extraordinary example of medieval Arab architecture and a popular tourist destination, which is at the same time the embodiment of the civilization of al-Andalus itself; in the foreground, the Roman bridge crossing the Guadalquivir since 2000 years reminds that Cordoba was the capital of one of the richest provinces of the Roman Empire.

This **V Intensive Summer Course** held in Casa Árabe Cordoba will introduce English speakers to the fascinating history of Rome and 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 Córdoba's history from the beginnings until its most glorious moment being the capital of al-Andalus under the Umayyads. 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 14th-15th 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 Rome and al-Andalus. Taught in English, it aims at guiding the participants to the wide range of scholarly research. **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
- José C. CARVAJAL, Instituto de Ciencias del Patrimonio, CSIC Santiago de Compostela
- M^a. Teresa CASAL GARCÍA, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- José Luis DOMÍNGUEZ JIMÉNEZ, Universidad de Córdoba
- Maribel FIERRO, ILC-CSIC, Madrid
- Marcos GARCÍA, Universidad de Granada
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- Miriam GONZÁLEZ NIETO, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia
- Pieter HOUTEN, Universität Hamburg – University of Nottingham
- Alberto LEÓN MUÑOZ, Universidad de Córdoba
- Juan MANUEL BERMÚDEZ LORENZO, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos Madrid
- Sabine PANZRAM, Universität Hamburg
- Camino SANTOS FUERTES, Junta de Andalucía
- Antonio VALLEJO, Junta de Andalucía

SCHEDULE

The course will take place during the third week of July, from Monday 22 to Friday 26, with a total of **35 hours**. On Friday morning, classes will be held in the Umayyad palatine city of Madinat al-Zahra. The course will be completed by two archaeological workshops.

PROGRAM

Monday 22 Casa Árabe, Cordoba

- 09:00 - 09:30 **S. Panzram and A. García-Sanjuán**, *Introduction and welcome*
- 09:30 - 11:00 **S. Panzram**, *Corduba, a City tale from its beginnings to al-Andalus*
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Coffee**
- 12:00 - 14:00 **J. L. Domínguez Jiménez and M. González Nieto**, *From Rome to al-Andalus: archaeology of roads from Córdoba and Qurtuba to the Northwest and the Meseta*
- 14:00 - 17:00 **Break**
- 17:00 - 19:00 **P. Houten**, *Corduba caput provinciae: a centre for Latinization?*

Tuesday 23 Casa Árabe, Cordoba

- 08:30 - 11:00 **J. L. Domínguez Jiménez**, *Archaeological Workshop (The making of an imperial city)*
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee**
- 11:30 - 13:30 **J. M. Bermúdez Lorenzo**, *Roman Economy in Imperial Times: the olive oil of the Baetica, a case study*
- 13:30 - 16:00 **Break**
- 16:00 - 17:00 **Tutorial**
- 17:00 - 19:00 **C. Santos Fuertes**, *Cercadilla throughout its history. From an imperial palatine building to an Andalusian quarter*

Wednesday 24 Casa Árabe, Cordoba

- 09:00 - 11:00 **M. Fierro**, *Knowledge and power: the Muslim scholars of Córdoba*
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee**
- 11:30 - 13:30 **M. García**, *Foodways and social dynamics in medieval Cordoba*
- 13:30 - 16:00 **Break**
- 16:00 - 17:00 **Tutorial**
- 17:00 - 19:00 **M^a. T. Casal García**, *Córdoba, Umayyad capital of al-Andalus: the city origins and its transformation (8th-10th centuries)*

Thursday 25 Casa Árabe, Cordoba

- 08:30 - 11:00 **R. Blanco**, *Archaeological Workshop (The urban development of Islamic Cordoba)*
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee**
- 11:30 - 13:30 **J. C. Carvajal**, *The Martyrs of Cordoba and Islamic archaeology*
- 13:30 - 16:00 **Break**
- 16:00 - 17:00 **Tutorial**
- 17:00 - 19:00 **J. A. Garriguet Mata and A. León Muñoz**, *Archaeology and History of a city in evolution: late Imperial and late Antique Córdoba (3rd-8th centuries A.D.)*

Friday 26 Madinat al-Zahra', Cordoba

- 09:00 - 13:00 **A. Vallejo**, *The Caliphal city of Madinat al-Zahra'*

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 **June 2nd 2024**. Those 30 selected will be contacted by June 10th 2024.

Once confirmation of admittance is received, registration must be completed using the application form that will be sent. The fee for the course is 280 €.

Further information:

CASA ÁRABE

Calle Samuel de los Santos Gener, 9.
From Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 14:30 p.m.
infocordoba@casaarabe.es

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