Medieval Philosophy

Roosevelt University, Fall 2010, PHIL 250, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00-12:15 pm, AUD 510

Professor Svetozar Minkov

Books


2) Arabian Nights

3) Other materials provided by professor

This course will aim at recapturing the most exciting tensions and complexities of medieval Islamic and Jewish thought.

Reading Assignments

Tuesday, August 30, How to Study Medieval Philosophy

Thursday, September 1, Ibn Tufayl, Hayy the son of Yaqzan (pp. 105-112 in Sourcebook)

Tuesday, September 6, Ibn Tufayl, Hayy the son of Yaqzan (pp. 112-122 in Sourcebook)

Thursday, September 8, Alfarabi, Enumeration of the Sciences (pp. 18-23 in Sourcebook)

Tuesday, September 13, Alfarabi, Book of Religion (pp. 24-35 in Sourcebook)

Thursday, September 15, Alfarabi, Attainment of Happiness (pp. 56-71 in Sourcebook) [first short paper due] Instructions

Tuesday, September 20, Avicenna, Healing: Metaphysics 10 (pp. 77-88 in Sourcebook)
Thursday, September 22, Averroes, *Decisive Treatise* (pp. 123-140 in *Sourcebook*)

Tuesday, September 27, Averroes, *Decisive Treatise* (pp. 123-140 in *Sourcebook*)

Thursday September 29, Halevi, Kuzari (pp. 162-179 in *Sourcebook*)

Tuesday, October 4, Halevi, Kuzari, cont’d

Thursday, October 6, Maimonides, Guide of Perplexed (selections given by professor; Guide I.1-2)

Tuesday, October 11, Maimonides, Guide of Perplexed (selections given by professor) [second short paper due] **Instructions**

Thursday, October 13, Maimonides, Guide of the Perplexed (selections given by professor)

**evening of Monday, October 17: lecture by, and dinner with, Joshua Parens**

Tuesday, October 18, Maimonides, Guide of the Perplexed (selections from *Sourcebook*) [visit by Joshua Parens]

Thursday, October 20, Maimonides, Guide of the Perplexed (selections from *Sourcebook*)

Tuesday, October 25, **Maimonides' Book of Knowledge**

Thursday, October 27, **Maimonides' Book of Knowledge**

Tuesday, November 1, **Maimonides' Book of Knowledge** [third short paper due]

Thursday, November 3, **Maimonides**

Tuesday, November 8, 1,001 *Nights/Arabian Nights* (selections; Mahdi essay)

Thursday, November 10, **No class, required attendance of Ronna Burger's talk, 4:30 pm**
Tuesday, November 15, 1,001 Nights (selections) [**fourth short paper due**]

Thursday, November 17, 1,001 Nights

[**no classes during Thanksgiving week**]

Tuesday, November 29, 1,001 Nights

Thursday, December 1, 1,001 Nights

Tuesday, December 6, 1,001 Nights

Thursday, December 8, concluding discussion

**The final paper (worth 27% of your semester grade) is due by email by the end of the day (midnight) on December 12.**