



RELIGIONS AND MYTHS OF ANCIENT NEAR EAST

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| Enrollment year | 2016/2017 |
| Academic year | 2016/2017 |
| Regulations | DM270 |
| Academic discipline | L-OR/01 (HISTORY OF ANCIENT NEAR EAST) |
| Department | DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES |
| Course | CLASSICAL AND ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES |
| Curriculum | Orientalistico |
| Year of study | 1° |
| Period | 2nd semester (27/02/2017 - 01/06/2017) |
| ECTS | 6 |
| Lesson hours | 36 lesson hours |
| Language | Italian |
| Activity type | ORAL TEST |
| Teacher | GIORGIERI MAURO (titolare) - 6 ECTS |
| Prerequisites | None |
| Learning outcomes | The course offers a general introduction to the religious systems and the main mythological texts of the ancient Near East (Anatolia, Syria, Mesopotamia) from the third to the first millennium BC. |
| Course contents | <p>A) General introduction</p> <p>The sources for the reconstruction of the religious systems in the ancient Near East; the ancient Near Eastern polytheism and the main deities; the relationship between man and god; the main myths.</p> <p>B) The Gilgamesh Epic.</p> <p>C) Seminar (optional): reading of religious and mythological texts in Akkadian (ca 6-8 h.).</p> |

Teaching methods

**Recommeneded or required
readings**

Religion:

I. Hruša, *Ancient Mesopotamian Religion. A Descriptive Introduction*, Münster 2015.

P. Xella, *Religione e religioni in Siria-Palestina. Dall'Antico Bronzo all'epoca romana*, Roma 2007.

M. Dogan-Alparslan, M. Alparslan (eds.), *Hittites. An Anatolian Empire*, Istanbul 2013 (chapters by S. de Martino, D. Schwemer, A. Ünal, I. Singer on Hittite religion).

Literature:

L. Verderame, *Letterature dell'antica Mesopotamia*, Firenze 2016.

J. Botteró, S.N. Kramer, *Uomini e dèi della Mesopotamia*, Torino 1992.

B. Foster, *Before the Muses. An Anthology of Akkadian Literature*, 3rd ed., Bethesda, Maryland 2005.

F. Pecchioli Daddi, A.M. Polvani, *La mitologia ittita*, Brescia 1990.

H.A. Hoffner, *Hittite Myths*, 2nd ed., Atlanta, Georgia 1998.

Gilgamesh Epic:

A. George, *The Babylonian Gilgamesh Epic* (2 voll.), Oxford 2003.

Decoding Gilgamesh: Proceedings of a Conference Held on 12th-14th April 2010 at St. John's College, Cambridge, in: KASKAL 9 (2012).

Oral examination

Nothing

