

## AL-ANDALUS: AN INTRODUCTION



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In the beginning of the eighth century, an Arab-Berber army, under the rulership of the Umayyad Caliphate, established in Damascus, conquered Hispania, thus putting an end to the already weakened Visigoth Kingdom.

The objective of this seminar is the introduction to the study of al-Andalus, the Islamic society which rose in the Iberian Peninsula after the conquest of 711, keeping always in mind its Mediterranean context. In this sense, and from a critical and multidisciplinary approach, the seminar will be structured in thematic sessions dedicated to specific aspects such as the formation of al-Andalus, the political history, the process of Arabization and Islamization, religious minorities, relations with other political powers, territorial organization, intellectual and cultural history, or ritual and religiosity.

Participants are expected to familiarize with the basic bibliography provided, as well as specific readings recommended for each session.

### **Basic bibliography:**

-Fierro, M. (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Muslim Iberia*, London-New York, Routledge, 2020.

-Kennedy, H., *Muslim Spain and Portugal: a Political History of al-Andalus*, London-New York, Routledge, 1996.

-Khadra, S. (ed.): *The legacy of Muslim Spain*, Leiden, Brill, 1994.

## Schedule

Wednesdays, 14-16 h.

11/11/2020	The study and memory of al-Andalus I	Javier Albarrán & Elsa Cardoso
11/11/2020	The study and memory of al-Andalus II	Javier Albarrán & Elsa Cardoso
25/11/2020	The expansion of Islam	Antonia Bosanquet
25/11/2020	The conquest of North Africa	Antonia Bosanquet
09/12/2020	The formation of al-Andalus	Elsa Cardoso
09/12/2020	Political history of al-Andalus I	Elsa Cardoso
06/01/2021	Political history of al-Andalus II	Javier Albarrán
06/01/2021	Arabization and Islamization	Javier Albarrán
20/01/2021	Authority and sovereignty in al-Andalus I	Elsa Cardoso
20/01/2021	Authority and sovereignty in al-Andalus II	Elsa Cardoso
03/02/2021	Religion and Society in al-Andalus	Javier Albarrán
03/02/2021	Al-Andalus and the frontier	Javier Albarrán
17/02/2021	Al-Andalus and the Islamic World I	Antonia Bosanquet
17/02/2021	Al-Andalus and the Islamic World II	Antonia Bosanquet