

Title of Course Unit	History of Heroes: Saints, Martyrs and Symbolic Figures of Europe
Code	NBB_TR198K3
Department	Institute of History
Semester	Upon request either fall or spring semester
Contact Hours Weekly/Total	2+2 (seminar+lecture)/60
Prerequisites	Good command of English
ECTS Credits	4
Language	English
Mandatory/Elective	Elective
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Course Description	Since there are various methods of writing the history of Europe, a question may occur: which one gives us the key to European history ? This course is to propose a unique perspective of analysis and to explore the relationship between conviction, conscience, actions, virtues, symbols and historical events. Heroes, saints and martyrs are by definition extraordinary individuals who took a serious effect on history by achieving a goal or sacrificing self for a greater vision compels us to respond. This seminar will deal especially with the necessity of symbolic figures in the European history from the ancient times to the present providing a horizontal knowledge to the audience.
Readings	Books and articles for reading will be provided at the beginning of the course.
Assessment	Written tests, oral presentations, participation and co-operation in class activities.