

FACULTY OF ARCHAEOLOGY UW

Facultative Lecture: *The Iron Age in the Levant* (3101 – AFIRON)

Winter Semester. Thursdays, 16:45 – 18:15

Seminar: *The Phoenician expansion to the West* (3101 – AFIRON)

Winter Semester. Thursdays, 15:00 – 16:30

These two courses offer an approach to two of the most interesting historical and archaeological phenomena in Antiquity.

The first course consists in an analysis of the Iron Age in the Levant as a double phenomenon of continuity and transformation from the local Bronze Age and its so-called 'Palace-System' to a new scenario of struggle between local and imperial powers. Historical and Archaeological sources will be analyzed focusing on the protagonists (Phoenicians, Hittites, Arameans, Israelites, Egyptians, Assyrians and Babylonians) and a comparative approach to key aspects of their respective cultures.

The second course offers an analysis of the causes and circumstances of the Levantine expansion over the Mediterranean in the first half of the First Millennium BC and the foundation of commercial enclaves on their shores. We will approach from different perspectives the protagonists involved, the cultural exchanges and the outcome of those interactions, when the entire Mediterranean basin became interconnected for the first time, giving place to the deep social, economic and religious transformations of the so-called Orientalizing Period.



The courses will be held by Dr. Francisco J. Núñez, adjunct at the Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology of the University of Warsaw. He studied in the universities of Valencia and Tübingen, and is doctor from the Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona under the direction of Professor María Eugenia Aubet. He worked in the Spanish Higher Council of Scientific Research, occupied the Whittlesey Chair in the American University of Beirut and was Visiting Professor at the University of Sassari (Sardinia, Italy). He is currently the codirector of the International Archaeological Project in Tyre (Lebanon).