



UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN



## ZOROASTRIAN SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

### ZOROASTRIANISM AS A RELIGIOUS MINORITY IN MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY IRAN

**DURATION:** 1 week

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

An undergraduate or postgraduate student, or a graduate, at the time of attending the summer school, and 18+ years of age. The course is open to those wishing to take credit towards a Master's programme, and we hope to offer credit to undergraduate students (to be confirmed). For this reason we will prioritise students who are currently enrolled in a degree programme.

**Venue:** Norwegian Institute in Rome

**Programme dates:** 26 to 30 June 2023

**Mode of Attendance:** Full-time

#### **Programme Description**

This summer school, jointly arranged by the University and Bergen and SOAS, University of London, provides participants with an in-depth insight into Zoroastrianism in modern and contemporary Iran. This intensive learning experience is taught by senior academics from Norway, the UK and the US. The course comprises a combination of lectures, seminars and interactive workshops.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, the participants shall have gained the following learning outcomes in terms of knowledge, skill, and general competence.

##### Knowledge

- The student has gained knowledge on a selected aspect of Zoroastrianism.
- The student has obtained knowledge on matters of theory and method related to the study of Zoroastrianism.

##### Skills

- The student has the ability to present results of reading to the class.
- The student has the ability to write a coherent analytical text on a given topic.
- The student is able to use the standard techniques of academic writing.

##### General competence

- The student is able to interact with students from other countries.
- The student is able to actively participate in classroom discussions on unfamiliar topics.

### **Convenor and Tutor Information**

Professor Michael Stausberg (Univ. of Bergen) and Dr Sarah Stewart (SOAS) will be the course convenors and share the teaching together with one other academic, Dr Jenny Rose from Claremont University, California.

### **Credits**

This course offers 15 UK credits (7.5 ECTS) towards a SOAS master's degree. We hope to offer the same towards a SOAS undergraduate degree (to be confirmed).

If you intend to claim credits from your home institution, please check the requirements with them before you enrol. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can, however please be aware that the decision to award credits rests with your home institution.

Forms of assessment:

- Assignment 1: Classroom presentation of an essay in English of 1000 words. The essay / presentation will be based on an assigned interview from Vol. 2 of Voices from Zoroastrian Iran that will be sent to students in May. The presentation should be written prior to attending the teaching sessions.
- Assignment 2: 2000 (undergraduate) or 2500 (master's / graduate) word essay in English on a different topic than the classroom presentation. The topic will have to be approved by the convenor. The paper will be submitted five weeks after the end of the course.

### **Entry Requirements**

In order to join our Summer School, you will need to meet the following entry requirements:

- A university student (or graduate) at the time of attending the summer school, and 18+ years of age. Professional experience can be acknowledged as equivalent to a university qualification.
- A minimum English language requirement if English is not your first language:
  - IELTS, 6.5 overall or higher, with at least 6 in all sub scores.
  - TOEFL Paper based test we require a minimum of 583 with minimum 53 in all skills and for TOEFL Internet Based Test we require a minimum of 93 with minimum 20 in all skills.
  - Pearson Test of English a score of 59-64
  - Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) Grade B
  - If you have studied in an English speaking institution, or have courses taught at your university in English (excluding English language courses) you may meet our requirements without having to supply a certificate. Evidence of this will either need to be included on a transcript or letter from your university.
  - Applicants with an alternative qualification should contact us for advice.

- Applicants whose English language level do not meet our requirements may be interested in our subject based courses with English language support.

*Enrolment of Summer School applicants who don't meet the entry requirements is at the discretion of SOAS – please get in touch to speak to us in detail about your application.*

### **Application Procedure**

Complete the application form and return to [SSPIZS@soas.ac.uk](mailto:SSPIZS@soas.ac.uk).

Successful applicants will be required to pay a £40 registration fee.

Application deadline: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### **Accommodation**

Participants will be responsible for organising their own accommodation. Details and advice will be provided to closer to the time.

### **Bursaries**

The SSPIZS is pleased to offer three student bursaries of up to £1000 towards the cost of travel and accommodation. In order to apply for a bursary, please complete the bursary section of the application form.

### **Teaching & Learning**

#### **Contact hours:**

30 hours comprising 13 hours of lectures, 13 hours of seminars and 4 hours of practical classes and workshops

#### **Reading List:**

Undergraduate students will be required to complete the free online course (MOOC) 'Zoroastrianism: History, Religion, and Belief' prior to attending the summer school.

Postgraduate students will be required to complete the MOOC as well as essential reading (details of which will be provided to successful applicants).

The MOOC was created by Dr Sarah Stewart and is available from FutureLearn. It consists of twelve hours of study over the course of four weeks but can be completed at your own pace. For more information and to sign up please visit the FutureLearn website:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/zoroastrianism-history-religion-belief>