

## Doktori kurzus 2021/22/2

Cím: Galilee and the Sea of Galilee: Cultural developments in 10.000 years of history

## Tematika:

- 1. The name Galilee is familiar to everybody who grew up in a Christian or Jewish background. Galilee is definitely one of the most well-known names of landscapes worldwide. Surprisingly, nobody ever tried to present a cultural history of this landscape. The aim of my seminary will be to present a preliminary frame for such a study. The topic of the first unit will be the landscape of Galilee, the meaning of its name, and its typical geology. Understanding the conditions of daily life in Galilee, its natural resources and its road and trade connections is extremely important in order to understand the history in this region. Additionally, we will also shortly discuss the very early history in this region, starting with the Paleolithic period and including the Neolithic, Chalcolithic, and Early Bronze Age period.
- 2. The second unit will engage with the history of the region during the Middle and Late Bronze Age or more generally with the 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium BCE. Acco, Tyre and Hazor were the main towns in this period with important international connections. Egyptian campaigns, mainly by Thutmosis III resulted in heavy destructions of many sites. Domestic political problems resulted in riots, and Galilee became a rather isolated and poorly settled region which lost more and more all its international connections and inhabitants.
- 3. The topic of the third unit will be the Galilean political situation and economy during the Iron Age, starting with the so-called period of Judges, the integration into Israel and the destruction of many sites by Assyrian campaigns. Even for the Assyrian, Babylonian and Persian period often considered as dark ages in northern Palestine some interesting archaeological data exist which allow some information about the international communication system from the late 8<sup>th</sup> to the late 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE.
- 4. Public lecture: The Sea of Galilee and the adjoining Galilee during the time of Jesus

Galilee is definitely closely connected with the life of Jesus. He was born there, he worked and preached around the Sea of Galilee. Many Israel tourists visit the Sea of Galilee in order to see the "original" sites of his life. Nevertheless, the guides show them primarily Byzantine structures which were later built on the traditional sites of Jesus' life. Archaeologists excavated in the last decades many additional sites, which are normally not visited by modern tourists, but which are very important for the life of Jesus. The lecture will present on the one hand the traditional sites which are connected with Jesus, and will also present some



new or mostly overseen excavations which help to understand the daily life in the time of Jesus better.

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