



Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2024/2025

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 36 hours

COURSE TITLE

Swahili Literature in Arabic Script

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Literature

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

COURSE SUMMARY

The course includes an overview on Swahili Islamic Literature: from manuscript to print culture up to the aural era; introduction to Swahili literature in Arabic script; Swahili poetry in Ajami.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students will be introduced to Swahili Islamic literature; the course will enable them to get acquainted with the shifts and transitions of scripts and formats of writing and listening Swahili poetry from the 19th to the 21st century. Students will be instructed on how to read and write Kiswahili texts in Arabic script, and will dive into specific literary periods and oeuvre of different authors starting from contemporary literary genres up to more Sufi-oriented literary genres and contexts.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

Visiting professor will give an open conference on a topic related to his/her course.

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The candidate must be an Africanist specialized in Swahili Muslim intellectual traditions with a background in the languages and cultures of the Islamic countries. He/she must have proven experience in the field of Swahili manuscripts of the 18th and 19th century in Arabic script and on intertextual relations between textual traditions and networks (Swahili and Arabic). The candidate must have already taught in BA and MA programmes on African studies with teaching focused on Swahili language and culture, heritage and Western Indian Ocean networks. Articles related to the course topics and published in peer-reviewed academic journals are also required.

CONTACT REFERENT

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