The Sea of Galilee: History and Archaeology

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The Sea of Galilee, also called Lake Tiberias or Kinneret, saw the development of several cities from the Hellenistic period. The prosperity of these cities relied closely on the variations of the lake levels over the centuries. The seminar offers to investigate the ancient written sources and to detail the various archaeological remains found all around the lake. It will focus more specifically on some aspects of the lake, such as the landing sites, the sailing boats, and the variations of the lake levels. It will also examine how the various settlements bore the footprint of the Roman, Jewish, Christian and Muslim religions that rose on the shores of the lake.

Students are requested to attend the sessions, participate and read the articles sent by the lecturer (20 %). In addition, they have to deliver presentations (80 %).