The history of Jews is still mostly written from a European/North American, Ashkenazi perspective, even though Jews living outside Europe have for long made up the majority of the Jewish world and produced most significant works of Jewish law. This course will explore the histories of Jews in the Arab world, as well as Black Jews, and the prejudices and marginalization that such population have endured in the last two centuries, as Jews of European decent gradually moved – first in the US, then in Israel – from a persecuted to the dominant class.