The legend of the Wandering Jew, the story of the Jewish shopkeeper who drove Christ away as he stopped to rest on his way to Calvary and subsequently was doomed to roam the earth until the Advent, is one of the most enduring and productive tales of the Middle Ages. This course will explore the rich and varied traditions associated with this legend from its pre-history in the Hebrew Bible and the Gospels up through its early modern and Romantic heyday and into its twentieth century reception. In readings ranging from contemporary theory and Reformation pamphlets to works by Goethe, Schiller, Meïr Goldschmidt, and Kafka, we will trace the evolution of this mysterious wanderer from reviled figure of anti-Jewish polemic, to righteous convert and missionary, to learned sage.