

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

“East” and “West” in the Israeli Society - 13369

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: history of jewish people & contemporary jewry

Academic year: 2016

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The dichotomy of "West" and "East," "Occident" and "Orient," constitutes a conceptual axis of European modern culture and consciousness; it forms an organizing axis of representation and interpretation of geo-cultural difference in humane society. Born in Europe but aimed at the land located in the Muslim Orient, the Zionism from its very beginning combined different patterns of "East" and "West" images, which have been deeply influencing the making of the Israeli society. The course discusses these images, their social and cultural contexts and their political functioning from the establishment of the State of Israel until the Black Panthers protest.

Course/Module aims:

The course is meant to introduce students into the research on the origins, development, representations and functioning of the Orientalist discourse in the modern European culture and the Jewish nation-state.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Master the broad corpus of sources on the history of the cultural and geo-cultural imagination of the Jewish modernity discourse and of the modern Zionist consciousness; follow the ways of implementing cultural theories in various historical contexts of the modern age; explain socio-political etiology of the cultural polarizations in the Israeli society; trace reproductions of the cultural frames and imageries in the course of migration.

Attendance requirements(%):

90

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture, analytical reading of historical sources

Course/Module Content:

What is 'Orientalism'? Orientalism, the "melting pot", and Eastern European Socialist thought; Ben-Gurion and "Mizrahim"; the Israeli educational system and the immigrants from Islamic countries; the Wadi Salib uprising; the "Black Panthers" movement

Required Reading:

סעיד, אדוארד. אוריינטליזם. תל אביב: עם עובד, תש"ס, עמ' 11-87;

סבירסקי, שלמה, לא נחשלים אלא מנוחשלים (חיפה: מחברות למחקר ולבקורת, 1981), עמ' 1-90;

שטרית, סמי שלום. המאבק המזרחי בישראל: בין דיכוי לשחרור, בין הזדהות לאלטרנטיבה 1948-2003 (תל אביב: עם עובד, 2004), עמ' 99-178

Additional Reading Material:

רז-קרקוצקין, אמנון. "אוריינטליזם, מדעי היהדות והחברה הישראלית: מספר הערות". ג'מעה ג' (תשנ"ט): 34-61

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 90 %

Assignments 10 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: