Syllabus

SELECTED TOPICS IN CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY - 53931

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Sociology and Anthropology

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:
Prof Yoram Bilu
Course/Module description:  
This is a concentrated class of 4 meetings 3 hours each, during which we will discuss conceptual models, key issues and major topics in cultural psychology. The first two clusters will be devoted to orientations and basic concepts, the third will deal with psychiatry and culture and fourth - with issues of religion, mysticism and messianism from a psychocultural perspective.

Course/Module aims:  
- to gain familiarity with major conceptions in psychological anthropology such as the interface between individual and collective levels of analysis, cultural relativism and universalism, the cultural construction of the self, of mental illness and religious experiences

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:  
- To understand basic concepts in psychological anthropology and to apply them to their own research proposals.

Attendance requirements(%):  

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal lectures and group discussions.

Course/Module Content:  
1. General orientation: relativism and universalism, culture and personality, cultural psychology
2. Individual and collective representations: personal symbols
3. The cultural faces of madness
4. Psychocultural aspects of religion

Required Reading:  
The same as in the right column

Additional Reading Material:  
Peleg-Friedman, K. and Y. Bilu, Y., 2011. "From PTSD to 'National Trauma': The Case of the Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War, Transcultural Psychiatry 48 (4): 416-436.
Bilu, Yoram 2013. We Want to See our King: Apparitions in Messianic Habad, Ethos 41 (1): 98-126.

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 10 %
Project work 90 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: