Syllabus

Politics in words: speeches declarations and political debates - 56021

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: political science

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Shaul Shenhav

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Teaching Staff:
Prof Shaul Shenhav
Course/Module description:
The course deals with the various meeting points between texts and politics. From the theoretical and methodological perspectives the course will focus on the study of political discourse and rhetorical criticism.

Course/Module aims:
Theoretical and analytical discussions about the use of language in the political arena; Systematic analysis of political texts.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
1. Analyze the role of language in the political arena.
2. define key concepts in the study of political discourse and political rhetoric
3. analyze political texts based on different approaches of discourse analysis and rhetorical criticism
4. Integrate textual analysis in the study of the political arena.
5. Interpret political texts based on discourse analysis and rhetorical criticism.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: The course combines lectures, theoretical and methodological discussions, joint analysis of political texts, presentation of student projects and individual or small group meetings to formulate research projects.

Course/Module Content:
Part I: Language and Politics
- Introduction
- Key concepts: rhetoric, discourse and politics
- Rhetoric, philosophy, language and politics

Part II: Approaches and arenas
- Exploration discourse and rhetoric Review: approaches to analyzing the political texts
- Arguments and poetically
- Logos, ethos, pathos and the neo-Aristotelian
Part C: Presentation of the students' assignments

Required Reading:
Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address
http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/gettysburg/good_cause/transcript.htm

Foss, Sonja K. Rhetorical Criticsm. 4th edition. Long


Aristotle, Rhetoric, translated


Foss, Rhetorical, pp. 9-20.

Foss, Rhetorical, pp. 21-29.


Teun van Dijk, 'Principles of Critical Discourse Analysis', Discourse and Society,

Foss, Rhetorical, pp. 267-276.


Additional Reading Material:
http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/gettysburg-address


Foss, Rhetorical, pp. 35-65.

Foss, Rhetorical, pp. 307-319.


Schiffrin, 91-49.

Foss, Rhetorical, pp. 209-224.

Foss, Rhetorical, pp. 253-297.


The King’s Speech (DVD), http://hufind.huji.ac.il/Record/HUJ001575470


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:
Participation (10% of the final grade) includes the following components:
- Attendance at lectures, presentation of final assignments, reading report.
- A research proposal
- Presentation of work.

* A full and complete version of the syllabus will be available in the course website at the beginning of the academic year