Syllabus

Electoral Systems and their Political Consequences: Between Parties and within Parties - 56056

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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

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Course/Module description:
This course presents a comparative analysis of general election rules and candidate selection methods, and their political consequences. Students will be introduced to the basic concepts, methods and theories used in the analysis of democratic inter-party electoral systems and intra-party selectoral processes. The emphasis is on general classifications, typological mappings, model-derived explanations and the differences that affect the functioning and behavior of parties and their representatives derived from the differences in electoral systems used across countries and candidate selection methods used by different parties.

Course/Module aims:
Acquaint students with the basic terms, concepts, theories and arguments in the sub-fields of electoral systems and candidate selection. Provide students with the theoretical and methodological tools to undertake either an in-depth case study of elections, or a comparative cross-country or cross-party analysis of electoral systems and candidate selection methods in democratic countries.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Undertake either an in-depth case study of inter- or intra-party elections, or a comparative cross-country or cross-party analysis of electoral systems and/or candidate selection methods in democratic countries.

Attendance requirements(%):
100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lecture

Course/Module Content:
1. Introduction to electoral systems.
2. Plurality electoral systems.
3. Proportional electoral systems.
4. Mixed electoral systems.
5. Electoral engineering.
6. Electoral systems and party systems.
7. Introduction to leadership and Candidate selection methods.
8. Candidate and leadership selection methods: A comparative framework
9. Reforms of leadership and candidate selection methods.
11. The Political consequences of leadership and candidate selection methods.
12. The state of research and policy recommendations.

Required Reading:


Additional Reading Material:
Bernard Grofman & Arendt Lijphart, editors. Electoral Laws and Their Political Consequences

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 100 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
See course website.