



Syllabus

The State of Israeli Democracy - the ideological struggle in the party system - 56313

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HU Credits: 4

Responsible Department: Political Science

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The seminar provides a critical analysis of the contested ideas, concepts, policies and narratives in contemporary Israeli society. It focuses on the 5 election cycles 2019-2022

Course/Module aims:

To provide analytical tools in reading Israeli society through the struggle for ideas between different actors, institutions and narratives.

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

- Understanding key narratives in Israel society in 2015 elections*
- Working within crisis of democracy theory to shed light on Israeli democracy*
- Experiencing independent research*

Attendance requirements(%):

80% + active participation

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures, workshop, team-work, discussions and presentations.

Course/Module Content:

- Crisis of democracy theory*
- Party system change*
- Identity politics analysis*
- Actors: parties, NGOs, NSMs*
- Narrative analysis*
- Ideological analysis*
- Policy analysis*

Required Reading:

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Additional Reading Material:

Israeli election books
Israeli democracy index

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 40 %
Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture/ Seminar / Pro-seminar / Research proposal 20 %
Active Participation / Team Assignment 30 %
Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 10 %

Additional information:

In addition there is an option for a seminar paper