



Syllabus

THE STATE OF ISRAELI DEMOCRACY - 56313

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HU Credits: 4

Responsible Department: political science

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr Gayil Talshir

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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.

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

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 10 %

Participation in Tutorials 20 %

Project work 50 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 20 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

In addition there is an option for a seminar paper