Syllabus

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MORALITY AND POLITICS - 56816

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Political Science

Academic year: 1

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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

- Demonstrate the ability to develop a research question, critically evaluate the political psychology literature on morality and/or religion and formulate testable hypotheses.
- Plan an appropriate research design, develop conceptualization and operationalization of variables.
- Conduct an empirical study, gain IRB certification and collect data where appropriate.
- Analyze data and formulate conclusions based on analyses.
- Write a scientific report in the form of an academic article, applying conventional research-reporting style.
- Demonstrate the ability to present, interpret and discuss research findings, in relation to other studies.
- Work efficiently under academic mentoring.

**Attendance requirements(%):**
80

**Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:** Lecture, discussion

**Course/Module Content:**
- Introduction
- Psychological approaches to morality
- Cognitive approaches
- Sentimentalism and moral emotions
- Integrative approaches to morality
- Individual level moral conviction in politics
- Measuring moral conviction
- Morality and political attitudes
Morality and political participation
Morality and political ideology
Morality and intergroup conflict
Religion and morality
What is religiosity?
Religiosity and democratic attitudes
Faith, moral awareness and cheating
Religiosity and helping behavior
Religiosity and intergroup conflict
Morality, political legitimacy and political trust
Wealth, power and moral behavior
Political corruption
Group dynamics: moral contagion
Future directions on the field

Required Reading:


**Additional Reading Material:**
None

**Course/Module evaluation:**
- End of year written/oral examination 0 %
- Presentation 0 %
- Participation in Tutorials 5 %
- Project work 50 %
- Assignments 0 %
- Reports 45 %
- Research project 0 %
- Quizzes 0 %
- Other 0 %

**Additional information:**
- Reading, attendance, discussion. See moodle for most current version of the syllabus.