



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *20TH CENT. LITERATURES: BASIC TOPICS - 10610*

*Last update 08-08-2019*

*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: School of Ancient & Modern Literatures*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Yoav Rinon*

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Second semester, Monday, 14.30-15.30*

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Teaching Staff:

Prof Yoav Rinon

Course/Module description:

During the course we will read various theoreticians of literature, paying special attention to the historical development of the concept of literary theory.

Course/Module aims:

Acquaintance with central trends and theories in literary theories in the 20th century.

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

To characterize the development of the concept of literary theory and to exemplify it, starting from the linguistics of de Saussure and terminating with the post-colonialism of the end of the 20th century.

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal lecturing

Course/Module Content:

17.3 Introduction: From Structuralism to Post-Structuralism; Structuralism in Linguistics: Ferdinand de Saussure.

24.3 Structuralism in Anthropology and Literature: Levi-Strauss.

31.3 From Structuralism to Post-Structuralism: Roland Barthes.

21.4 Psychoanalysis: Sigmund Freud, Carl Gustav Jung, Northrop Frye.

28.4 Memorial day. No lesson.

5.5 Structuralism/Post-Structuralism and Psychoanalysis: Jacques Lacan.

12.5 Conference Realism and Romanticism. No Lesson.

19.5 Deconstruction: Derrida reads Levi Strauss.

26.5 The Reader: Wolfgang Iser, Stanley Fish.

2.6 Marxism: Karl Marx, Walter Benjamin.

9.6 History and Literature: Hayden White, Michel Foucault.

16.6 Feminism: Virginia Woolf, Katharine MacKinnon, Andrea Dworkin; Feminism and Lesbianism: Adrienne Rich.

23.6 Queer Theory: Essentialism versus Social Constructionism: John Boswell and David Halperin; Queer Theory and Jewish Studies: Daniel Boyarin.

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### 30.6 Post Colonialism: Edward Said and Frantz Fanon.

#### Required Reading:

*Included in the course content section. The files will be on the moodle.*

#### Additional Reading Material:

*Will be on the moodle*

#### 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:

*Laptops and cellphones are not allowed during the lesson.*