Syllabus

The Holocaust in Western Europe - 13511

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: history of jewish people & contemporary jewry

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
We will study the fate of Jews in several countries in Western Europe. We will discuss different factors that influenced the different fate in each country, through a comparative analysis. We'll check into several topics, such as Jews-Non Jews relations, the reactions of Jews to the persecutions, etc.

Course/Module aims:
To know the history of the Holocaust in Western Europe. To understand the different factors that operated in each country and influenced the different fate of Jews. To analyze critically, the historiography and public discourse on the topic.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
To examine the complexity of the History of the Holocaust in Western Europe, to compare between different countries, to explain the different factors that influenced the chances of rescue in different countries, to analyze and criticize the different historical approaches on the topic.

Attendance requirements(%):
75%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: seminar

Course/Module Content:
Italy – between Myth and Reality
Belgium – the forgotten country
France - a Conquered Country or an ally?
Holland – Between East and West

Required Reading:
Liliana Picciotto, "The Italians and the Jews During the Fascist and German Persecutions", Nazi Europe and the Final Solution, David Bankier and Israel Gutman (eds.), Jerusalem, Yad Vashem, 2003, pp. 491-518.
Michele Sarfatti, Characteristics and Objectives of the Anti-Jewish Racial Laws in Fascist Italy, 1938–1943, in Joshua Zimmermann ed. , Jews in Italy under Fascist
and Nazi Rule, 1922–1945.
Grazia Loparco, "Pius XII and Hiding in Italy", in Pius XII and the Holocaust–Current State of Research, Jerusalem, Yad Vashem 2012.
Iael Nidam-Orvieto, "The Jewish Leadership Vis-à-Vis the anti-Jewish Legislation 1938-1943: A Reevaluation".

Vicki Caron, "French Public Opinion and the Jewish Question, 1930-1942: the Role of Middle Class Professional Associations", in Nazi Europe and the Final Solution, pp.
Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 80 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:

The seminar is in collaboration with Yad Vashem, in memory of Prof. Yisrael Gutman