

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

The Religious Landscape of Contemporary Jerusalem - 24434

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Comparative Religion

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course will examine the various religious communities in Israel, in an attempt to understand in depth and the challenges facing the religious community in Israeli society today. During the course, we will look at the three religions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam, in present-day Israel, and will focus on the connection between religion and politics, and the tensions between the religious and the modern.

Course/Module aims:

1. Getting to know the religious communities in Jerusalem
2. Familiarity with the major religious bodies of the three religions in Israel
3. Examining religious discourse in Israeli society and its impact on Israel's status in the world
4. Understanding the influence of politics on religion and vice versa.
5. Knowledge of the tensions that characterize religious discourse in the modern world
6. Developing a critical vision for the effects of the religious dimension on Israeli society

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

1. Get to know the different religious communities in Israel
2. Analyze the religious discourse in Israel and its implication
3. Critically address religious attitudes used in Israeli politics
4. Recognize and analyze the effects of religious discourse on Israel's status in the world
5. Write a short research paper incorporating the use of primary and secondary sources

Attendance requirements(%):

80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

- 1 Introduction: The Complex History of the Three Monotheistic Religions in Jerusalem - David's Tomb as a Case Study
- 2 Religious Communities in the Modern World - Key Concepts in the Study of Modern Religion
- 3 Religious testimony in Jerusalem at the end of the Ottoman era and the Mandate period
- 4 The ultra-Orthodox society on its varieties - the Sanhedria neighborhood as a case study
- 5 The development of religious Zionism - from Rabbi Kook's teaching to Gush Emunim
- 6 Waqf in Jerusalem
- 7 The Islamic Movement and Minority Laws in Modern Muslim Thought
- 8 Christian Society in Israel - diverse and Challenges
- 9 Palestinian Christian Theology and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- 10 Status Quo in Israel
- 11 Holy Places in Jerusalem
- 12 Religion and Law in Israel
- 13 Between local and global in modern religions
- 14 Religious thought in political discourse
- 15 The challenges of interfaith dialogue today

Required Reading:

גודמן, יהודה, "מבוא: דתיות וחילוניות בישראל - אפשרויות מבט אחרות" בתוך מערבולת הזהויות: דיון ביקורתי בדתיות ובחילוניות בישראל. עורכים יונה יוסי, ויהודה גודמן. ירושלים: מכון ון-ליר והקיבוץ המאוחד, 2004. עמ' 9-38.

חושן מאיה, קורח מיכל ושמר דפנה, על נתוניך ירושלים 2016: מצב קיים ומגמות שינוי. ירושלים: מכון ירושלים לחקר מדיניות, 2016. עמ' 23-11.

מסמך קאירוס פלסטין, ירושלים, 2009.

פלינט שלומית, אלפסי נורית, ובנסון יצחק, "דומים ושונים: מיקרו-סגרגציה של חרדים במרכז ירושלים". סוציולוגיה ישראלית 1 (2010), עמ' 81-110.

קושניר, דוד, "ירושלים תחת שלטון הקיסרות העות'מאנית: בעיות ממשל ומנהל". בתוך ספר ירושלים: בשלהי התקופה העות'מאנית. עורכים ישראל ברטל וחיים גורן (ירושלים: הוצאת יד יצחק בן צבי, תשע). עמ' 1-10.

רייטר יצחק, הווקף בירושלים: 1948-1990. ירושלים: מכון ירושלים לחקר ישראל, 1991. עמ' 5-11.

רכס אלי, "האסלאמיזציה של הזהות הערבית בישראל: התנועה האסלאמית 1972-1996" בתוך מיעוטים מוסלמים במדינות רוב לא מוסלמי: התנועה האסלאמית כמקרה בוחן. עורכים: אלי רכס ואריק רודיצקי. תל אביב: תכנית קונרד אדנאואר לשיתוף פעולה יהודי ערבי, 2011. עמ' 63-75.

"שיחה בישיבת הרב קוק", שמדות 29 (תשכ"ח). עמ' 15-27.

Emmett Chad, "The Status Quo Solution for Jerusalem," *Journal of Palestine Studies*, 26 (1997), pp. 16-28.

Karayanni Michael, "Groups in Context: An Ontology of a Muslim Headscarf in a

Nazareth Catholic School and a Sephardic Ultra-Orthodox Student in Immanuel," *Law and Social Inquiry* 41(2016) 937-1005
Marshall J. Breger, Yitzhak Reiter, Leonard Hammer, "Introduction," in *Holy Places in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Confrontation and Co-existence*. London; New York: Routledge, 2009. Pp. 1-19
Neuhaus David, *Christians in Israel*, Paris, Bayard Presse, 2017, pp. 87-108

Additional Reading Material:

Hanna Kildani, *Modern Christianity in the Holy Land* (Bloomington, IN: Author House, 2010).
Robert D. Lee, *Religion and Politics in the Middle East: Identity, Ideology, Institutions, and Attitudes* (Westview Press, 2013). Ch. 1
Bernard Lewis, *Faith and Power: Religion and Politics in the Middle East* (Oxford University Press, 2010). Ch. 1; 13.
Merav Mack, "Christian Palestinian Communities in Israel: Tensions between Laity, Clergy, and State," in *Sacred Space in Israel and Palestine: Religion and Politics*, ed. Marshall J. Breger, Yitzhak Reiter, and Leonard Hammer (Routledge, 2012), 284-309.
Fiona McCallum, "Religious Institutions and Authoritarian States: church-state relations in the Middle East", *Third World Quarterly*, 33:1 (2012), 109-124.
Una McGahern, *Christian Palestinians in the Israeli State* (London: Routledge, 2011).
Michael P. Prior, *Christians in the Holy Land* (World of Islam Festival Trust, 1994).
Mitri Raheb, *I Am a Palestinian Christian* (Fortress Press, 1995).
Daphne Tsimhoni, *Christian Communities in Jerusalem and the West Bank Since 1948: An Historical, Social and Political Study* (Westport: Praeger, 1993).
Sami Zubaida, "Political Modernity in the Middle East," in *Beyond Islam: A New Understanding of the Middle East* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2011).

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 60 %
Assignments 20 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:

During the course there will be 7 mandatory tours. Tour dates will be published at the beginning of the academic year.