Syllabus

MODERN JEWISH & NON-JEWISH MIGRATION - 33710

Last update 07-07-2015

HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Jewish History & Contemporary Jewry

Academic year: 1

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator:

Coordinator Email: dekelchen@mssc.huji.ac.il

Coordinator Office Hours: Wednesday, 8:30-10:00

Teaching Staff:
  Dr. Jonathan Dekel-Chen
Course/Module description:
This course will present a variety of research approaches and products concerning Jewish and non-Jewish migrations in the modern world. We will put into context the mass movements of Jews around the turn of the 20th century until the dawn of the 21st. We will examine the subject from the heights of international politics all the way to the experiences of the migrants themselves. We will also examine the importance of methodologies in the study of migration, such as diaspora studies, transnational studies and network theory.

Course/Module aims:
The goal of this course is to familiarize students from diverse backgrounds with research dealing with general migration and with migration in the modern Jewish world. The course will encourage analytical thinking about various trends in migration research and the crossroads between theory and practice in migration, as well as comparisons between general migration and Jewish migration.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Familiarize with the general research on migration.
Evaluate long-term trends in migration.
Think critically about connections between migration policy and the practice of migration from below.
Construct original written analyses using multi-disciplinary approaches.
Integrate materials from the assigned readings, together with material collected in class, to support the original analyses.

Attendance requirements(%): 80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:
Jewish Migration from Biblical Times to the Modern Era.
Pre-Modern, Non-Jewish Migration

What is Migration Research?

The Impact of Migration on the Migrants, the Receiver Society and the Mother Society.

What is Transnationalism?

Online Resources.

Theoretical Connections between Diaspora and Migration

Case Studies of Diaspora in the Modern Era.

Internal Migration in the USA.

Internal Migration in the Jewish World.

Forced Migration.

When East Met West in the Weimar Republic.

Refugees as a Source of Migration.

Re-Migration.

Network Theory in Migration Research.

Comparative Research on Migration.


Identity and Migration

Constructing Transnational Culture.

Russian Cultural Migration in Israel.

Policy, Human Rights and Migration: The Jackson-Vanik Amendment.

The Roles of NGOs in Modern Migration.

Philanthropic Involvement in Modern Jewish Migration.

Migration in the Early 21st Century.
Required Reading:


Rebecca Manley. To the Tashkent Station: evacuation and survival in the Soviet


Judith Goldstein. The Politics of Ethnic Pressure: The American Jewish Committee


Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 60 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 40 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
The course is open to 3rd year B.A. students, subject to approval by the instructor.