Syllabus

INTELLECTUALS AND POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST - 38566

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: islamic & middle east stud.

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
The course explores the interface between ideas and politics and examines the role of intellectuals in revolutionary movements in the Middle East in a comparative perspective. Extensive use will be made of preliminary texts (mostly translated into English) alongside secondary literature, both historical and methodological.

Course/Module aims:
The course will trace the thrust for power by intellectuals in the modern Middle East in a historical and geographical cross-section, analyzing their ideologies as reflected in active dissidence and subversion.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Exploring the affinity between knowledge and power in the Middle Eastern context; analyzing ideological texts in their historical context; using sociological tools in researching intellectuals and protest in the Middle East.

Attendance requirements(%):
obligatory

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Active participation in class in analyzing texts based on reading assignments.

Course/Module Content:
1. Intellectuals and power
2. Ulama and politics in Muslim history
3. The "new intellectuals" in modern times
4. Communism and a just society
5. Pan-Arabism and Messianism
6. Political Islam and protest
7. Radicalism

Required Reading:

רשימת מקורות


דוד אוחנה, חרון האינטלקטואלים: רדיקליות פוליטית וביקורת חברתית באירופה ובישראל (תל אביב: הקיבוץ המאוחד, 2005), עמ' 21-56.

מרק לילה, הנפש הנמחרת (תל אביב: עם עובד, 2001).

אנטוניו גרמשי, על ההגמוניה: מבחר מתוך 'מחברות הכלא' (תל אביב: רסלינג, 2006), עמ' 106-43.

פרנץ פאנון, מקוללים עלי אדמות (תל אביב: הוצאת בבל, 2002), עמ' 393-367.

אלאן בלום, דלדולה של הרוח באמריקה (תל אביב: עם עובד, 2010), עמ' 119-103.

"שומרי החומות": עולמא ופוליטיקה בהיסטוריה המוסלמית


Murtada Mutahhari, Fundamentals of Islamic Thought: God, Man and the Universe


Laura Mansfield, His Own Words: Translation and Analysis of the Writings of Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri (Old Tappan, N.J., 2006), pp. 205-225.

Philipp Holtmann, Abu Mus'ab al-Suri’s Jihad Concept (Tel Aviv: Moshe Dayan Center, 2009), pp. 53-65, 91-121.


**Additional Reading Material:**

**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:**