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: דירקציה פוליטית וויקורת בריתת בריתאות והשראה (תל אביב: הקובוט המאוחד, 2005), 21-56.

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


פרנץ פאנון, מקוללים עלי אדמות (תל אביב: הוצאת בבל, 2004), 43-106.


אילן סעד, "שומרי החומות" סעדים של האינטלקטואלים (תל אביב: רסלינג, 2010), 103-119.


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


Laura Mansfiled, 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: