

# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Gender and Sexuality in Modern Iran - Pathways to Research - 38603*

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*HU Credits:* 2

*Degree/Cycle:* 1st degree (Bachelor)

*Responsible Department:* Islamic & Middle East Stud.

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 2nd Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:

Dr. Sivan Balslev

Course/Module description:

The course investigates issues of gender and sexuality in Iran, starting from the late 19th century.

Students will read scholarly works and primary sources on how femininity and masculinity were perceived in Iran in the past, and how those perceptions have changed.

Students will learn on changing notions and practices of sexuality in Iranian culture and society.

Course/Module aims:

Clarifying the differences between academic and non-academic writing, understanding how historical writing works, giving basic tools for historical research.

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

*Reading skills:*

How to read an academic article.

Finding the article's structure and argument.

Analysing primary sources of various types.

Location secondary source for academic assignments.

*Writing skills:*

Writing a clear and well-structured paragraph.

Properly writing references and bibliography.

Building an argument and structuring the assignment according to the argument.

Summarizing and paraphrasing an article without plagiarism.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lecture and class work

Course/Module Content:

Gender in the nationalist discourse

Child marriage

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Homoerotic practices  
Women's legal status  
Dress laws

Required Reading:

- קמרון מייקל אמין, "למכור ולהושיע את "אמא איראן" : מגדר והעיתונות האיראנית בשנות ה-40, בתוך ליאורה הנדלמן-בעבור (עורכת) איראן אז ועכשיו : חברה, דת ופוליטיקה, קובץ מאמרים לכבוד פרופ' דוד מנשרי, (בני ברק : הוצאת הקיבוץ המאוחד, 2017), עמ' 63-50.
- ליאורה הנדלמן-בעבור, "תנועה ללא הנהגה, הנהגה ללא תנועה: המשכיות ושינוי במאבק הנשים ברפובליקה האסלאמית", זמנים: רבעון להיסטוריה, 143 (2020), עמ' 126-94.
- אפסנה נג'מבדי, "'האם יזכר שמנו?': כתיבת ההיסטוריה של המהפכה החוקתית באיראן כאילו יש חשיבות לנשים ומגדר", ג'מאעה, 4 (1999), עמ' 126-94.
- Sivan Balslev "Population crisis, marriage reform and the regulation of male sexuality in interwar Iran", *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 45:2, (2018) 121-137
- Wendy DeSouza, *Unveiling Men: Modern Masculinities in Twentieth-Century Iran*, (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2019), Chapter 2

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

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

Additional information: