



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Women and Gender in the History of the Middle East - 38713

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Islamic & Middle East Stud.

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

The course will examine transformation in the status of women in the modern Middle East, as well as historiographical developments in the study of women and gender over the last two decades. We shall examine how gender as analytical category has influenced our understanding women's lives in the region and ask whether feminist theories can be applied to the study of women in the Middle East. In addition, we shall deal with questions of sexuality, work, legal status and the influence of processes such as colonialism, national struggle and globalization on women in the Middle East.

Course/Module aims:

Acquiring knowledge of recent scholarship on women and gender in the Middle East, and the variety of sources and methodologies used by historians in the field.

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

Conduct historical research of women and gender in the Middle East

Attendance requirements(%):

90%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Class discussion of the readings

Course/Module Content:

1. Methodology and historiography
2. Women and labor
3. Gender and medicine
4. History of violence
5. Gender identities
6. Prostitution and traffic in women
7. Women's writing and activism

Required Reading:

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Ceyda Karamursel. "The Uncertainties of Freedom: The Second Constitutional Era and the End of Slavery in the Late Ottoman Empire." *Journal of Women's History* 28, no. 3 (2016): 138-161.

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Abisaab, Malek Hassan. "'Unruly' Factory Women in Lebanon: Contesting French Colonialism and the National State, 1940-1946." *Journal of Women's History* 16, no. 3 (2004): 55-82.

Baloy, Gülhan. 2009. "Gendering Ottoman Labor History: The Cibali Régie Factory in the Early Twentieth Century." *International Review of Social History* 54 (December): 45-68.

Maksudyan, Nazan. 2008. "Foster-Daughter or Servant, Charity or Abuse: Beslemes in the Late Ottoman Empire." *Journal of Historical Sociology* 21 (4): 488-512.

אסף לחובסקי, "שפחות, כלות ופועלות: ילדות ארץ ישראליות ומחוקקים בריטיים בתקופת המנדט", חוקה אחת ומשפט אחד לאיש ולאשה: נשים, זכויות ומשפט בתקופת המנדט. בעריכת אייל כתבן, מרגלית שילה, רות הלפרין-קדרי (רמת גן: הוצאת אוניברסיטת בר-אילן, 2010), עמ' 404-375.

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Empire." *Turcica* 48: 271-99.

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Additional Reading Material:

None.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 100 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: