



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Modern European Political Theories - 39030

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The seminar examines the historical development of key political theories in modern Europe. In doing so, special attention is given to social contract theory, liberalism, individualism, and socialism. The seminar's approach is multidisciplinary, combining elements from history, political science, philosophy, and law.

Course/Module aims:

The seminar aims to provide a historical overview of various modern European thinkers and their respective contributions to key political theories. The focus is on Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Edmund Burke, John Stuart Mill and Karl Marx.

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

- describe the historical development of Western political thought from the 17th to the 19th century,
- discuss and compare political ideas of specific thinkers,
- explain and examine the meanings of key political theories,
- integrate into the discussion elements from history, political science, philosophy, and law,
- analyze primary philosophical sources.

Attendance requirements(%):

90

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lecture, in-class discussion and guided reading.

Course/Module Content:

For the content and program of the course, see the course's Moodle site.

Required Reading:

For the required reading material, see the course's Moodle site.

Additional Reading Material:

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:

The course will be given in English. It is not available to students who took course no. 39283.