Syllabus

STALINISM IN RUSSIA 1929-1941: POLITICS & SOCIETY - 39266

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 2

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
The course analyzes one of the most important period in Soviet history - The period of Stalin's dictatorship, which is also known as "Stalinism". Stalin became a dictator around 1928-1929 and remained USSR's unchallenged leader until his death in 1953. This course will focus on the development of Stalinist regime between 1928/9 and 1941, the year of the German invasion of USSR. The course focuses on such aspects of Stalinism as collectivization, industrialization, terror, and purges, as well as social and cultural trend of the period.

Course/Module aims:
Understanding of Stalinism as a political, socio-economic, and cultural phenomenon.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
In this course students will acquire tools to analyze one of the most important phase in Soviet history.

Attendance requirements(%):
100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal teaching and class discussion

Course/Module Content:
1) Russia: Modernization and Revolution, 1860-1917
2) Stalin before Stalinism
3) Civil War
4) NEP - New Economic Policy
5) Revolution from Above
6) Famine and "Great Terror"
7) GULAG
8) Nationalities Problem

9) Everyday Life

10) Culture

11) Interpretations of Stalinism

Required Reading:
1) Russia: Modernization and Revolution, 1860-1917
S. A. Smith, The Russian Revolution, Chapters 15-53

2) Stalin before Stalinism
Hiroaki Kuromiya, Stalin, pp. 1-49.

3) Civil War
S. A. Smith, The Russian Revolution, Chapters 54-119

4) NEP - New Economic Policy
S. A. Smith, The Russian Revolution, Chapters 120-183
Kuromiya, Stalin, pp. 50-73.

5) Revolution from Above
Sheila Fitzpatrick, "Stalin and the Making of a New Elite," in Fitzpatrick, Cultural Front, pp. 149-182.

6) Feminism and "Great Terror"
Kuromiya, Stalin, pp. 101-132.
R. W. Davies; M. B. Tauger; S. G. Wheatcroft, Stalin, Grain Stocks and the Famine


7) GULAG

8) Nationalities Problem

9) Everyday Life

10) Culture

11) Interpretations of Stalinism
Stephen F. Cohen, "Bolshevism and Stalinism," in Rethinking the Soviet Experience, chapter 2.
Additional Reading Material:
We be given according to needs.

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 10 %
Project work 70 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 20 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
All reading materials are in the Moodle.