



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Current issues in homelessness - 3929*

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*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)*

*Responsible Department: Social Work*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Shmulik Szeintuch*

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Prof. Shmulik Szeintuch

Course/Module description:

*In the course we will learn about the main issues that are relevant these days to homelessness in Israel and around the world.*

Course/Module aims:

*Familiarity with the hot topics that are relevant to people experiencing homelessness in order to enable investigation of the field, as well as work in the field in a way that benefits the population.*

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

- *Ability to analyse the different situations that people experiencing homelessness face*
- *Ability to express an educated opinion about homelessness in Israel and around the world*
- *Ability to research the field in a good and informed way*
- *Ability to deal with policies related to those who experience homelessness*
- *Ability to work with those experiencing homelessness*

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

*Homelessness in an international perspective  
The housing crisis  
Migration  
A human rights approach to homelessness  
Lisbon Declaration and other declarations  
Homelessness strategies  
Housing first  
Young people, LGBTQI+  
Preventing and ending homelessness*

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Required Reading:

שיינטוך, ש. (2018). דיור תחילה בישראל. חברה ורווחה ל"ח(4), 772-757.

Bretherton, J. and Pleace N. (Eds.) (2023). *The Routledge handbook of homelessness*. Routledge.

Çelik, Ö. (2024). *Cracking the housing crisis: financialization, the state, struggles, and rights*, *Housing Studies*, 39(6), 1385-1394, DOI:

10.1080/02673037.2024.2333569

Fitzpatrick, S. and Davies, L. (2021). The 'ideal' homelessness law: balancing 'rights centred' and 'professional-centred' social policy. *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law*, 43(2), 175-197.

Haj Ahmad M-T and Busch-Geertsema, V. (2024). *Homeless Migrants and EU Mobile Citizens in Europe*. *European Journal of Homelessness*, 18(1), 131-153.

Lisbon Declaration on the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness. (2021, June 21).

Mackie, P. (2023). *Preventing Homelessness and Housing Exclusion: A Focus on Early Intervention*. *European Journal of Homelessness*, 17(1), 13-31.

Szeintuch, S. (2024). *Homelessness strategies in European Union Member States - The state of play in 2024*. Brussels, FEANTSA.

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 100 %

Additional information: