



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Law in Times of Crises: The Jurist Jacob Robinson (1889-1977) - 39826

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The seminar examines the life, work and times of the Jewish jurist Jacob Robinson who was born in Lithuania in 1889 and died in New York in 1977. In doing so, special attention is given to his engagement for the protection of minority rights. The seminar's approach is multidisciplinary, combining elements from history, law, and political science.

Course/Module aims:

The seminar aims to study Jacob Robinson's involvement in key international institutions and issues, for instance: the European Congress of Nationalities, Institute of Jewish Affairs, United Nations, Nuremberg and Eichmann trials, Refugee Convention, compensation agreement between West Germany and Israel, and Yad Vashem.

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

- describe the life and work of Jacob Robinson,
- discuss his contribution to the protection of minority rights,
- explain and examine his engagement in key international institutions,
- explain and examine his involvement in legal issues and events, e.g. the Nuremberg and Eichmann trials,
- integrate into the discussion elements from history, political science, and law,
- analyze primary and secondary sources pertaining to Robinson.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

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

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:

Grading Scheme:

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

Additional information:

Students choose between two options.

option 1:

- submit a summary paper (10-11 pages in English)*
- the grade of the summary paper is the grade of the course.*

option 2:

- give a short presentation ("Referat") in class and submit a seminary paper (30 pages in English).*
- students receive two grades: 1. the grade of the presentation is the grade of the course, 2. a grade for the seminary paper.*