



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

The Compensation Project: Reparations for Historical Wrongs in Europe after 1945 - 39856

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The year 2022 marks the 70th anniversary of the Reparations Agreement between Germany, Israel and the Jewish Claims Conference. Ever since 1952, and more so since the end of the Cold War, the Agreement serves many former victims and perpetrators of grave human rights violations as model for dealing with past wrongs. This seminar examines the negotiations that preceded the Agreement, the Agreement itself, and the German-Jewish-Israeli relations that grew out of it. In addition, the seminar studies theoretical and practical aspects of other reparations cases for historical wrongs in Europe since 1945.

Course/Module aims:

The aim of the seminar is to study cases of compensation and restitution in contemporary Europe.

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

- explain the 1952 Reparations Agreement
- debate various models of compensation
- examine case studies of compensation and restitution in European history since 1945
- integrate into the discussion elements from history, political science, international relations, and law
- critically analyze primary and secondary sources.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture and class discussion

Course/Module Content:

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

Required Reading:

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Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 30 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 70 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

All students are required to give an oral presentation on a post-1945 reparations case study from Europe.

In addition, students are asked to choose between two options:

- submission of a final paper (8-9 pages), or
- submission of a seminar paper (20-25 pages).