Syllabus

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - 40953

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Geography

Academic year: 1

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course deals with local government as a local governance system and as a service provision system.

Course/Module aims:

The course has two major objectives: (1) a comprehensive knowledge of the fundamental concepts in the organization and functioning of the local government system: the local government map, local government finance, central-local government relationships, local democracy and political culture. (2) Discussion of the role of local authorities in urban and regional development: land use planning, economic development and inter-local disparities, development tools, municipal corporations, public-private-partnerships, development finance. Local government reforms will also be discussed.

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

In depth exposure to the field of local government from a comparative perspective: research and practice.
Exposure to the theoretical discourse in the field.
Writing skills to those taking the course as a seminar.

Attendance requirements(%):

80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures Seminar

Course/Module Content:

1. Local development and local government: introduction
2. Local government organization
3. Dimensions in local government organization and the position of Israel in each dimension: territorial/structural, functional, political, fiscal, democratic/electoral, local politics.
4. The role of local government in local development: local development strategies, tools, bylaws, planning obligations, municipal corporations, PPP

Required Reading:


Additional Reading Material:
In English only. For Hebrew material refer to the list in Hebrew


the Gap between Democracy and Efficiency, Opladen: Leske + Budrich.


Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 100 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
Detailed requirements are specified in Hebrew