

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - 40953

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: geography

Academic year: 0

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:

England, R.E., Pelissero, J.P. and Morgan, D.R. (2017) *Managing Urban America*, eighth edition, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

*. Ch. 3 *Urban Political Structure*, pp. 68-91.

*. Moore, A.A. (2016) *Decentralized decision-making and urban planning: a case study of density for benefit agreements in Toronto and Vancouver*, *Canadian Public Administration* 59: 425-447.

UN-Habitat (2016) *Finance for City Leaders Handbook*, Nairobi.

*. Ch. 1 *Principles of municipal finance* pp. 4-15

*. Ch. 2 *Expanding municipal revenues* pp. 16-27

*. Ch. 7 *Public-private partnerships* pp. 98-110

*. Ch. 9 *Sharing the wealth: private land value and public benefit* pp. 132-155

Additional Reading Material:

In English only. For Hebrew material refer to the list in Hebrew

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Back, H., Heinelt, H. and Magnier, A. (eds.) (2006) *The European Mayor*, Wiesbaden: VS verlag fur Sozialwissenschaften.

Brunet-Jailly, E. and Martin, J.F. (eds.) (2010) *Local Government in a Global World, Australia and Canada in Comparative Perspective*, Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Carr, J.B. and Feiock, R.C. (eds.) (2004) *City-County Consolidation and its Alternatives, Reshaping the Local Government Landscape*, Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

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Haus, M., Heinelt, H. and Stewart, M. (eds.) (2005) *Urban Governance and Democracy, Leadership and Community Involvement*, London: Routledge.

Heinelt, H. and Kubler, D. (eds.) (2005) *Metropolitan Governance, Capacity, Democracy and the Dynamics of Place*, London: Routledge.

Heinelt, H., Razin, E. and Zimmermann, K. (eds.) (2011) *Metropolitan Governance, Different Paths in Contrasting Contexts: Germany and Israel*, Frankfurt and New

York: Campus.

Herrschel, T. and Newman, P. (2002) *Governance of Europe's City Regions, Planning, Policy and Politics*, London: Routledge.

Hoffmann-Martinot, V. and Sellers, J. (eds.) (2005) *Metropolitanization and Political Change*, Wiesbaden: VS verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, pp. 231-264.

Hoffmann-Martinot, V. and Wollmann, H. (eds.) (2006) *State and Local Government Reforms in France and Germany*, Wiesbaden: VS verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

Hulst, R. and van Montfort, A. (eds.) (2007) *Inter-Municipal Cooperation in Europe*, Dordrecht: Springer.

Kersting, N. and Vetter, A. (2003) *Reforming Local Government in Europe, Closing the Gap between Democracy and Efficiency*, Opladen: Leske + Budrich.

Knox, P.L. and McCarthy, L. (2005) *Urbanization, An Introduction to Urban Geography*, Second edition, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.

Leland, S.M. and Thurmaier, K. (eds.) (2004) *Case Studies in City-County Consolidation, Reshaping the Local Government Landscape*, Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

Meligrana, J. (ed.) (2004) *Redrawing Local Government Boundaries: An International Study of Politics, Procedures and Decisions*, Vancouver: UBC University Press, pp. 206-226.

Mossberger, K., Clarke, S.E. and John, P. (2012) *The Oxford Handbook of Urban Politics*, New York: Oxford University Press.

Razin, E. (2000) *The impact of local government organization on development and disparities - a comparative perspective*, *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy* 18: 17-31.

Razin, E. (2004) *Needs and impediments for local government reform: lessons from Israel*, *Journal of Urban Affairs* 26: 623-640.

Razin, E. and Hazan, A. (2013) *Attitudes of European local councilors towards local governance reforms: a North-South divide?* *Local Government Studies*.

Razin, E., Rosen, G., Dachoach-Halevi, M. and Hazan, A. (2007) *Is the role of the state in local governance diminishing? The case of Israel's metropolitan areas*, in: Collin, J-P. and Robertson, M. (eds.) *Governing Metropolises: Profiles of Issues and Experiments on Four Continents*, Québec: Presses de l'Université Laval, pp. 29-53.

Razin, E. and Rosentraub, M. (2000) Are fragmentation and sprawl interlinked? North American evidence, *Urban Affairs Review* 35: 821-836.

Razin, E. and Smith, P.J. (eds.) (2006) *Metropolitan Governing: Canadian Cases, Comparative Lessons*, Jerusalem: Magnes Press.

Reiser, M. and Holtmann, E. (eds.) (2008) *Farewell to the Party model, Independent Local Lists in East and West European Countries*, Wiesbaden: VS verlag fur Sozialwissenschaften.

Rosen, G. and Razin, E. (2007) *The college chase: higher education and urban entrepreneurialism in Israel*, *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*.

Ross, B.H. and Levine, M.A. (2006) *Urban Politics, Power in Metropolitan America*, Seventh edition, Belmont, CA: Thomson.

Rothblatt, D.N. and Sancton, A. (eds.) (1998) *Metropolitan Governance Revisited, American/Canadian Intergovernmental Perspectives*, Berkeley: Institute of Governmental Studies Press.

Sancton, A. and Young, R. (eds.) (2009) *Foundations of Governance: Municipal Government in Canada's Provinces*, Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Savitch H.V. and Kantor, P. (2002) *Cities in the International Marketplace*, Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Savitch, H.V. and Vogel, R.K. (2000) *Paths to new regionalism*, *State and Local Government Review* 32: 158-168.

Slack, E. and Chattopadhyay, R. (eds.) (2013) *Governance and Finance of Metropolitan Areas in Federal Systems*, Don Mills: Oxford University Press.

Stoker, G. (2004) *Transforming Local Governance, From Thatcherism to New Labour*, Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan.

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United Cities and Local Governments (2009) *Decentralization and Local Democracy in the World, First Global Report 2008*, Barcelona: United Cities and Local Governments and The World Bank.

United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) (1996) *An Urbanizing World: Global Report on Human Settlements, 1996*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

UN-Habitat (2004) The State of the World's Cities 2004/2005, Globalization and Urban Culture, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, London: Earthscan.

UN-Habitat (2013) Property Tax Regimes in Europe, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Nairobi.

Wollmann, H. (2008) Comparing Local Government Reforms in England, Sweden, France and Germany: Between Continuity and Change, Divergence and Convergence, in:
www.wuestenrot-stiftung.de/download/local-government

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