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# האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים

סילבוס

דת וסביבה - 49605

תאריך עדכון אחרון 28-09-2023

נקודות זכות באוניברסיטה העברית: 2

תואר: בוגר

היחידה האקדמית שאחראית על הקורס: בי"ס האוניברסיטאי ללימודי הסביבה

השנה הראשונה בתואר בה ניתן ללמוד את הקורס: 0

סמסטר: סמסטר ב'

שפת ההוראה: אנגלית

קמפוס: הר הצופים

מורה אחראי על הקורס (רכז):

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שעות קבלה של רכז הקורס:

מורי הקורס:

תאור כללי של הקורס:

*are two areas that are often viewed as being at odds with each other. For instance, religious individuals have made claims that environmentalism is secular, leftist, and pagan. Secular environmentalists have pointed to religion as being anthropocentric, patriarchal, hierarchical, and an impediment to pro-environmental behavior. Yet, over the past decades we have witnessed the rise of the religious environmental movement. Proponents of this movement have stressed the integral engagement of religion with the natural world and the moral imperative to protect the environment that is motivated by a deep sense of responsibility.*

מטרות הקורס:

*This course will introduce students to central ideas, thinkers, and theories in the field of religion and environment. We will look primary historical sources ranging from the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, Quran, Talmud, Hadith, church sermons, and ethical treatises, and complement them with contemporary writings by religious leaders and activists. Together, we will explore the opportunities and barriers, and the proponents and opponents to religious expressions of environmentalism. We will look at the unique language and values that set religious environmentalism apart from other expressions of environmentalism and explore common ground. When possible, we will hear from activists in the field who speak about the environmental initiatives they are undertaking in their communities*

תוצרי למידה

בסיומו של קורס זה, סטודנטים יהיו מסוגלים:

*Students will acquire basic knowledge about the intersection of religion with environmentalism. Students will learn about the major debates in the field. They will gain an understanding of environmentalism in the 3 major Abrahamic traditions and the inherent complexity of how ancient traditions encounter contemporary issues.*

דרישות נוכחות (%) :  
70

שיטת ההוראה בקורס: *Classes delivered on Zoom*

רשימת נושאים / תכנית הלימודים בקורס:

*Week 1 - An Introduction to religion and environment*

*Week 2 - Theory and practice in religion and environment*

*Veldman, Robin Globus, Andrew Szasz and Randolph Haluza-DeLay. "Introduction:*

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- Climate Change and Religion – A Review of Existing Research.* *Journal for the Study of Religion Nature and Culture* 6, no. 3 (2012): 255-275.
- Week 3 – The Lynn White Jr. Hypothesis  
White Jr., Lynn. “The Historical Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis.” *Science* 155 (1967): 1203-1207.
- Week 4 – Journey of the Universe (film) – a new cosmology?  
Jenkins, Willis. “Ethics in the Anthropocene.” In *The Future of Environmental Ethics*. Washington: Georgetown University Press, 2013. pp. 1-15.
- Week 5 – The Greening of Religion Hypothesis  
Taylor, Bron, Gretel Van Wieren, and Bernard Zaleha. “Lynn White Jr and the Greening-of-Religion Hypothesis.” *Conservation Biology* 30 no. 5 (2016):1000–1009.
- Week 6 – Judaism and environmentalism  
-Yoreh, Tanhum. “Compassion and Self-Concern in Halakhic Environmental Decision Making.” *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* (published online ahead of print 2021). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15685357-20210901>
- Week 7 – Christianity and environmentalism  
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home*. (May 24, 2015). [http://w2-vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2-vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)
- Week 8 – Islam and environmentalism  
Koehrsen, Jens. “Muslims and Climate Change: How Islam, Muslim Organizations, and Religious Leaders Influence Climate Change Perceptions and Mitigation Activities.” *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Climate Change* (2021) 12:e702. <https://doi.org/10.1002/wcc.702>
- Week 9 – Renewal (film) – different expressions of religious environmental activism  
Week 10 – Religious environmental activism in the Israeli context  
Week 11 – Typologies of Jewish religious activism in Israel  
Week 12 –Moral tools to limiting consumption  
“Consumption, Wastefulness, and Simplicity in Ultra-Orthodox Communities.” *Studies in Judaism, Humanities and the Social Sciences* 2, no. 2 (2019): 137-152.
- Week 13 – Conclusions and review

חומר חובה לקריאה:

the list of articles and readings is specified at the course content scheduled per meeting

חומר לקריאה נוספת:

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מרכיבי הציון הסופי:

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מבחן מסכם בכתב/בחינה בעל פה 100 %

מידע נוסף / הערות: