

## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

### *Issues in Anthropology of Palestinian society - 53419*

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*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: sociology & soc. anthropology*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Nadeem Karkabi*

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*Coordinator Office Hours: Wednesday 16:00-17:00*

*Teaching Staff:*

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Dr. Nadeem Karkabi

Course/Module description:

The course focuses on anthropological research of the Palestinian society through ethnographic writing. We will discuss the Palestinian society in the homeland (inside Israel, the West Bank, Gaza Strip) and in the diaspora (in the Arab world, and beyond). The course will offer a hysterical overview of both the development of ethnographic writing and processes that took place in Palestinian society. However, the emphasis will be primarily on current research, while critically reading texts written about Palestinians or by them. The course primary topics are divided between various social groups and key issues in the study of Palestinian society. We will raise questions about the politics of representation of Palestinian society in anthropological research, about the topics that were covered by researchers and others who have not received adequate attention, and about the correspondence of anthropological research on the Palestinians with broader theoretical issues and fields of research in anthropology.

Course/Module aims:

The aim of the course is to expose the students to the complexity of Palestinian society through anthropological research, and to develop tools for analytical and critical reading of ethnographic texts.

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

- Understand the cultural and social varieties in the Palestinian society.
- Be familiar with the historical and contemporary ethnographic literature on Palestinians.
- Develop critical reading and interpretation of various issues in Palestinian society and the anthropological research.

Attendance requirements(%):

80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: The course is based on lectures and class discussions.

Course/Module Content:

Mapping ethnographies on Palestinians; Early Israeli and Palestinian anthropologists; Farmers and cultural symbols; Memory; Borders; Gender and

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*masculinity; Refugees; Prisoners; Resistance and the two intifadas; Intervention - human rights and media; Neoliberalism and the rise of middle class; Reterritorialization and virtual culture.*

*Required Reading:*

*A reading list will be provided on the first class.*

*Additional Reading Material:*

*Will be provided during lectures.*

*Course/Module evaluation:*

*End of year written/oral examination 70 %*

*Presentation 15 %*

*Participation in Tutorials 0 %*

*Project work 0 %*

*Assignments 0 %*

*Reports 15 %*

*Research project 0 %*

*Quizzes 0 %*

*Other 0 %*

*Additional information:*

*Please bring the relevant reading material to each class, either in a printed form or saved on the laptop.*