Syllabus

Capitalism and The commodification of private life - 53622

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: sociology & soc. anthropology

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Prof Eva Illouz

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Course/Module description:
The course will deal with sociological analysis of the commodification of private life. We will deal with commodification in general and specifically with the commodification of the private life (body; beauty; identity; romantic relationships; sex; parenthood and family life).

Course/Module aims:
The aim of the course is to understand the way in which commodification increasingly shapes the private life (from a sociological perspective).

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Understanding of capitalism and commodification and their development throughout the years.
The ability to critically read texts that deal with capitalism and commodification.
Extending the understanding of the current socio-economic situation.

Attendance requirements(%):
80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal lecture, students' presentations and group discussions

Course/Module Content:
Preliminary Syllabus- it might be change
Capitalism and The commodification of private life
Part I: Commodification- theoretical introduction:
Lecture 2: rethinking commodification
Lecture 3: contemporary discussion on reification
Part II- Commodities, Identity, beauty and the body
Lecture 4: Commodification, beauty and the body
Lecture 5: Commodities and Identity
Part III- The commodification of Romantic relationships
Lecture 6: Romantic relationships and the commodification of intimacy
Lecture 7: the wedding fantasy
Lecture 8: Marriage and consumption
Part IV- Consuming sex
Lecture 9: Consuming sex
Lecture 10: Sexual tourism
Lecture 11- Relationships, sex and the internet
Part V- Consumption and the family
Lecture 12: Emotional Capitalism
Lecture 13: Capitalism and the family
Lecture 14: Parenting and the workplace

Required Reading:
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Sharon Boden, Consumerism, Romance, and the Wedding Experience, Chapter 1- Introduction: consumerism, romance and the wedding experience (1-22); Chapter 5- The wedding fantasy: Consuming Emotions on the Big Day" (103-127) Houndmills
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**Additional Reading Material:**
Will be publish during the course

**Course/Module evaluation:**
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 60 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 40 %
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**Additional information:**
40% of the grade is based on a student's Presentation during the semester