

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Bureaucracy and State Part 1 - 53725

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Sociology and Anthropology

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course focuses on state bureaucracies, the institutional practices of the executive Branch and its political influence on the daily life of citizens. Our premise is that organizations within state bureaucracy have great political power, that are not politically neutral. We will explore the bureaucracy of the state through a comparative lens and locate daily practices and routines that are created within particular historical, economic and cultural conditions and constraints (In Israel, US, India, The British and Ottoman Empires and more). We will learn to apply institutional and political theory to contemporary cases, particularly the relationship between bureaucracy, sovereignty and violations of citizens rights.

Course/Module aims:

The main goal of the course is to train future researchers and policy makers to critical and creative thinking about bureaucracy and the administration of the state.

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

1. participants will learn to recognize institutional practices that affect policy and decision making.
2. participants will be able to apply theoretical models on state organizations and discover sites of political and cultural power within the administration.
3. participants will be able to pose fruitful research questions that will enable further research using new data to understand the relationship between institutional practices and political power.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures and discussion

Course/Module Content:

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Required Reading:

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Additional Reading Material:

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Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 60 %

Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports
/ Forum / Simulation / others 30 %

Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 10 %

Additional information: