



## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

# **LESSONS FROM PRAGUE:GOLEM KAFKA AND THE CRITIQU - 53841**

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*HU Credits:* 4

*Degree/Cycle:* 2nd degree (Master)

*Responsible Department:* sociology & soc. anthropology

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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*Coordinator Office Hours:*

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Course/Module description:

*In the Middle of the night, three men to the bank of the Vltava in Prague, cities and mud river edge contact from a human figure. Then rotate - one by one - seven times, the right of the body to the left, while saying the names of saints. The first Sejm seven laps heated mud golem's body was burning red. Second surrounded and cooled, and steam rose from the body cooling. At the end of the third lap - Rabbi Judah Loew ben Bezalel, the Maharal of Prague known to us - Golem opened his eyes and stood up. Then, that night in 1588, began created the legend of the Golem of Prague.*

Course/Module aims:

*In this course we will discuss key issues thought a German company - like bureaucracy crude capitalism gross money foolishly , crude technology - using texts of major sociologists German most important ( Marx , through Weber, thinkers of the Frankfurt School to Ulrich Beck ) and see how their writing is in relation to Prague's legendary . Naturally, the course will also be based on the writings of Franz Kafka , in order to expand the understanding of the transformation of human consciousness , which lost the Agency of its modernity . Through the use of various means seems that sociology, literature, poetry and film are different narratives used the story of uncontrollable monsters and Faust who sold his soul to the devil . For the expansion of space we will be a comparative analysis with other mythological stories : Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (which is an incarnation of the Golem story ) and Dr. Faustus of Marlowe , Goethe and Thomas Mann.*

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

*Students will write the Golem motif analysis of German social theory*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Trip in Prague*

Course/Module Content:

*List of Topics Referate*

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- *Story uncontrollable monsters*
  - *Best Faust, who sold his soul to the devil*
  - *Revolution Enlightenment on Science and God*
  - *Germany: Lutheran, 30 Year War: Trauma constitutive*
  - *Germany and the Final Solution: evidence, law*
  - *Kafka between modernity and tradition*
  - *Grimm's Fairy Tales: Lessons cultural*
  - *Art and Theology*
  - *Large German thinkers - selection (Comenius to Beck)*
  - *Romance, forest and natural*
  - *Huss, Luther, Kant, Eichmann - the tradition of the divided opposition*
  - *apocalyptic visions of modernity: Star Fall - Paradise*
  - *Norbert Elias, Civilization and torture thesis*

Required Reading:

Yair, Gad and Michaela Soyer, 2008. *The Golem and German Social Theory*. New York: Lexington. HM 477 G3 Y35 2008

Additional Reading Material:

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 Thieberger, Frederic. 1955. *The Great Rabbi Loew of Prague: His Life and Work and The Legend of the Golem*. London: The East and West Library. BM 755 J83 T5  
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 Isenberg, Noah. 1999. *Between Redemption and Doom: The Strains of German-Jewish Modernism*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press. DS 135 G33 I74  
 Goldsmith, Arnold L. 1981. *The Golem Remembered, 1909-1980: Variations of a Jewish Legend*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press on order.  
 Meyrink, Gustav. 2005 [1914]. *The Golem*. Prague: Vitalis. PT 1327 M49 1976  
 Rowen, Norma. 1992. "The making of Frankenstein's monster: Post-Golem, pre-robot." Pp. 169-177 in *State of the Fantastic: Studies in the Theory and Practice of Fantastic Literature and Film*, edited by Nicholas Ruddick. Westport: Greenwood.

סרטים

הגולם של פול ווגנר.

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הגולם של ג'וליאן דובווייה.  
מטרופוליס של פריץ לאנג.  
פרנקנשטיין של וייל  
פרנקנשטיין הצעיר של ברוקס.

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Haile, H.G. 1965. *The History of Doctor Johann Faustus*. Illinois: University of Illinois Press. PT 923 E5 1965  
Ribner, Irving. 1966. *Christopher Marlowe's Dr. Faustus: Text and Major Criticism*. New York: Odyssey Press. PR 2664 A4 1966  
גתה, יוהן וולפגנג, 2006. פאוסטוס. תל אביב: הוצאת אוניברסיטת תל אביב. F2 H4 2034 PT  
מאן, תומס. דוקטור פאוסטוס. תל אביב: פועלים. D651 A44 2625 PT

פרנץ קפקא וספריו  
קפקא, פרנץ, 1967. הטירה. ירושלים: שוקן. S31 A26 2621 PT  
קפקא, פרנץ, 1997. גזר הדין וסיפורים אחרים. תל אביב: עם עובד. 1997 A61 A26 2621 PT  
קפקא, פרנץ, 1992. המשפט. ירושלים: שוקן. 1992 P71 A26 2621 PT  
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Gay, Peter, 1966-1969. *The Enlightenment: An Interpretation*. New York. A. Knopf. B 802 G3  
שלי, מרי, 2005. פרנקנשטיין. תל אביב: ידיעות אחרונות. 2005 F716 5397 PR

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %  
Presentation 0 %  
Participation in Tutorials 0 %  
Project work 100 %  
Assignments 0 %  
Reports 0 %  
Research project 0 %  
Quizzes 0 %  
Other 0 %

Additional information: