



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

The Sexual Revolution in Twentieth-Century Europe - 54610

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: European Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

In the second half of the twentieth century a "Sexual Revolution" took place in Europe: Liberalization of sexual practices, sexual discourse, and sexual values. This course will explore the major events and processes of the Sexual Revolution in Europe, with a focus on Germany, France, and Britain. We will study the history of contraception, LGBTQ rights, sexual pleasure, and extramarital sex. We will also critically examine the liberal interpretation of the Sexual Revolution as an event of emancipation and progress. We will discuss questions such as: Which power structures were undermined during the Sexual Revolution and which power structures replaced them? How women and men experienced the Sexual Revolution and how it shaped gender inequalities? And how activists and spokespersons of the Sexual Revolution responded to and engaged with contemporary struggles for religious and racial equality and struggles toward decolonization?

Course/Module aims:

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

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Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Class discussion

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction

2. Foucault's Theory of Sexuality

Michel Foucault, *The History of Sexuality*. New York, 1978, Part I and II

3. Sexuality in Post-WWI Germany and France

Atina Grossman, *Reforming Sex: The German Movement for Birth Control and Abortion Reform, 1920-1950* (NY: Oxford University Press, 1995), 14-45.

4. Sex in 1930s London

Matt Houlbrook, *Queer London: Perils and Pleasures in the Sexual Metropolis, 1918-1957*. Chicago. 167-194.

5. Sex and Fascism

Dagmar Herzog, *Sex After Fascism: Memory and Morality in Twentieth-Century Germany* (Princeton: Princeton University Press 2005), 10-63.

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7. Postwar Homosexual Sociability in France

Julian Jackson, *Living in Arcadia: Homosexuality, Politics, and Morality in France from the Liberation to AIDS* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009), 37-57.

8. Sexual Politics and Christian Democracy

Dagmar Herzog, "Pleasure, Sex, and Politics Belong Together: Post-Holocaust Memory and the Sexual Revolution in Germany," *Critical Inquiry* 24: 2 (1998), 393-444.

9. Sexual Revolution in London

Frank Mort. *Capital Affairs: London and the Making of the Permissive Society*. New Have, 2010. Chapter 1.

10. Sexual Revolution in Paris

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11. Decolonization and the Sexual Revolution

Todd Shepard, "Something Notably Erotic": Politics, "Arab Men," and Sexual Revolution in Post-decolonization France, 1962–1974." *The Journal of Modern History* 84, no. 1 (2012): 80-115.

12. The Politics and Economy of Sexual Pleasure

Ellen Furlough, "Packaging Pleasures: Club Méditerranée and French Consumer Culture, 1950-1968," *French Historical Studies* 18:1 (1993): 65-81.

13. From the Sexual Revolution to MeToo

Stavroula Pipyrrou, "#MeToo is Little More than Mob Rule//vs//# MeToo is a Legitimate Form of Social Justice," *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 8:3 (2018): 415-419.

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Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 80 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 20 %

Additional information: