

## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *Gender and Colonialism in Britain and France - 54625*

*Last update 03-09-2023*

*HU Credits:* 2

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

*Responsible Department:* European Studies

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

*Course/Module Coordinator:* Yuval Tal

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*Coordinator Office Hours:* By appointment

*Teaching Staff:*

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Course/Module description:

Gender discourses and inequalities played crucial roles in the history of French and British colonialism. This course will examine how gender metaphors, gender relations, and gender politics influenced colonial expansion, how they affected social and political relations between the colonizers and the colonized, and how gender images and relations shaped gender politics and hierarchies in metropolitan France and Britain. During the course we will study topics such as: Sexual Orientalism, colonial gender inequalities, miscegenation and "mixed-race" marriage, colonial sexual violence, colonial feminism, and gender relations during 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:

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### 3. Sexual Orientalism

Edward Said, *Orientalism*. New York, 1978. Chapter 2-IV [Pilgrims and Pilgrimages]

### 4. Gender and Power

Ann Laura Stoler, "Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power: Gender, Race, and Morality in Colonial Asia," in Joan Scott ed. *Feminism and History: Oxford Readings in Feminism*. New York, 1996, 209-266.

### 5. Colonial Masculinities

Mrinalini Sinha, *Colonial Masculinity: The "Manly Englishman" and the "Effeminate" Bengali in the Late Nineteenth Century*. Manchester, 1995, 33-68.

### 6. Colonial Pleasure and Metropolitan Respectability

Deborah Cohen, *Family Secrets: Shame and Privacy in Modern Britain*. New York, 2013, 13-46.

### 7. Sexual Consent and "Mixed-Race" Children

Elizabeth Thornberry, "The Problem of African Girlhood: Raising the Age of Consent in the Cape of Good Hope, 1893-1905," *Law and History Review* 38:1 (2020), 219-240.

### 8. The "Muslim Family" and French citizenship in Colonial Algeria

Judith Surkis. *Sex, Law, and Sovereignty in French Algeria, 1830-1930*. New York, 2019, 90-118.

### 9. Sexual Violence

Elizabeth Thornberry, "Rape, Race, and Respectability in a South African Port City: East London, 1870-1927," *Journal of Urban History* 42:5 (2016), 863-880.

### 10. Reproduction and the Civilizing Mission

Lynn M. Thomas, *Politics of the Womb: Women, Reproduction, and the State in Kenya*. Berkeley, 2003, 52-78.

### 11. Feminism in a Colonial Society

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Sara Rahnema. "Hijabs and Hats in Interwar Algeria," *Gender & History* 32:2 (2020), 429-446.

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Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 80 %  
Active Participation / Team Assignment 20 %

Additional information:

