

## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *After Empire: Decolonization and the Remaking of Europe - 54636*

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*HU Credits:* 2

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

*Responsible Department:* European Studies

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 2nd Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

*Course/Module Coordinator:* Yuval Tal

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*Coordinator Office Hours:*

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Teaching Staff:

Dr. Yuval Tal

Course/Module description:

This course explores how the history of decolonization in Africa and South East Asia reshaped European nation-states and societies. We will first examine attempts of European, African, and South East Asian leaders to establish more equal forms of imperial rule in European colonies in the 1940s and early 1950s. We will then explore struggles toward decolonization in the 1950s and 1960s and learn about the dissolution of European empires. Throughout the course, we will explore various historical and theoretical questions about the unfolding and long-term consequences of decolonization: Was decolonization inevitable? Was it possible to undo colonial hierarchies and still preserve European empires? How did European leaders imagine postcolonial Europe? And how did decolonization change European societies and states?

Course/Module aims:

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

N/A

Attendance requirements(%):

80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction
2. From Empire to Nation-States

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### 3. Visions of the Postcolonial Future in West Africa

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- Mazower, Mark. *No Enchanted Palace: The End of Empire and the Ideological Origins of the United Nations*. Princeton, 2009. 28-65

### 5. Refugees and Postcolonial Immigration in Italy

- Ballinger, Pamela. *The World Refugees Made: Decolonization and the Foundation of Postwar Italy*. Ithaca, 2020. 1-28, 77-134.

### 6. "Decolonizing" Algeria

Shepard, Todd. *The Invention of Decolonization: The Algerian War and the Remaking of France*. Ithaca, 2006. 55-100.

### 7. Unmaking the British Empire

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Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Additional information: