



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Leadership in German Domestic and Foreign Policy - 54661

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Cont. German Studies:politics, Soc.&Cult

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

What is the nature of leadership? Does politics merely reflect structural factors or is it largely dependent on how those tasked with steering state and society fulfill their role? The present course revisits central episodes of German domestic and foreign policy-making to approach these questions. After a theoretical discussion on the concept of leadership, we take a look at internal and external dimensions of central policy issues. In particular, we are looking at landmark decisions at the founding of the Federal Republic, the NATO double-track resolution, economic policy positioning, reunification, multiple refugee crises, the Corona pandemic, and the revision of Ostpolitik.

Course/Module aims:

The course explores the concept of political leadership and thereby introduces students to the structure-agency debate in the social sciences. We also consider major domestic and foreign policy issues of German politics, their dominant interpretations as well as the theoretical and methodological approaches underlying the latter. Bringing both aspects together allows us to evaluate which kind of leadership has been characteristic of post-war German politics.

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

At the end of the course, students should be able to

- delineate different understandings of leadership and place them in their intellectual context,*
- analyze particular episodes of German domestic and foreign policy,*
- evaluate political leadership in these episodes.*

Attendance requirements(%):

85

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Seminar

Course/Module Content:

(1) Defining leadership

Part 1 – Theoretical priors

(2) Leadership and structure

(3) Leadership and agency

(4) Leadership between structure and agency

(5) Foundations of German domestic and foreign policy-making

Part 2 – Episodes of domestic and foreign policy

(6) Landmark decisions at the founding

(7) The NATO double-track resolution

(8) Continuities in economic policy: Bonn 1978 and the Eurozone crisis

(9) Reunification and “the Chancellor of Unity”

(10) Refugee crises

(11) The Corona pandemic and its consequences

(12) From Ostpolitik to Ukraine 2022

(13) Recapitulation and evaluation

Required Reading:

The complete syllabus and the required reading will be uploaded to the Moodle site of the course.

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 70 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 15 %

Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture 15 %

Additional information: