

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Europe from the In- and Outside: What you see from here you don't see from there - 54836

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

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

Academic year: 2025

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course teaches views of the contemporary challenges European countries are faced with by examining various national and international debates about major topics of common concern such as migration, minorities, demography, media credibility, security, human rights etc.

Course/Module aims:

The course aims to transmit national as well as international perceptions within Europe and in Israel as well as their discussions within various frameworks.

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

- To orient themselves within major "European" discourses about current affairs.
- To assess the similarities and differences between views from Israel and from the Old Continent.
- To have knowledge about various European approaches, such as between East and West.
- To read, analyze and discuss media content from different national frameworks
- To have a reflective view on European societies through the critical discussion of their collective perceptions.

Attendance requirements(%):

80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: The teaching combines theoretical and practical approaches.

Course/Module Content:
main topics

Ukraine and beyond: New Challenges for Liberal Democracies in Europe

Stereotypes and Stereotyping: European Self-perceptions and Image of the others

Travelling over the Atlantic: The hashtags and their impact

"From Europe, but not in Europe": Views about Europe from Israel – Views about Israel in Europe

The globalization of the nationalism – from Geert Wilders to Marine Le Pen

Views from the left

Demographic challenges – Ageing societies

Old and New Fears – climate change, gene manipulation and big data

Divides between East and West

Soft power, hardpower: Divides across the Atlantic – Europe and the United States of America

Burkini and Cross. Values revisited – religious rights, identity and secularism

Migrants and challenges of integration

the full syllabus will appear at the beginning of the semester on the Moodle

Required Reading:

The reading material will be posted in time on the Moodle.

Additional Reading Material:

see above

Grading Scheme:

Home Exam % 50

Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture/ Seminar / Pro-seminar / Research proposal 30 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 10 %

Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 10 %

Additional information:

Regular attendance of and participation in class discussions is essential to success in this course. Absences must be cleared with the instructor in advance barring emergencies so appropriate make-up work can be assigned.

Requirements and Grading:

Assignments

- 1. Exercise (10 Percent of the grade): Provide an example of European news that caught your attention and discuss it.*
- 2. Oral presentation about a relevant topic or an article from the syllabus (30 percent of the grade)*
- 3. Final written assignment (50 percent of the grade).*
- 4. active participation in class (10 percent)*