



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Israeli-Scandinavian Relations - 54889*

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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*

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Dr. Orna Keren

Course/Module description:

We will explore the relations between Scandinavia (Denmark, Sweden and Norway) and Israel during late 1940s and along the 1950s. First, some core values underlying the 'Scandinavian model' will be introduced - among others equality, humanism, social solidarity and deep attachment to nature - and the way these values evolved into political policies during the 20th century (that Scandinavian Jewry fared relatively better off in the Holocaust - in Denmark and Sweden more so than in Norway - is a primary indicator of this process). Then, the positive relations that developed between the young Israeli state and the three Northern countries will be analyzed, with emphasis on the close contacts that linked the contemporary ruling social-democratic parties in Scandinavia with Mapai. The similar political vision, in addition to the integration of interests at the outset of the Cold War, made the Scandinavian countries loyal and devoted allies of Israel during its first decade of existence.

Course/Module aims:

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

- Demonstrate solid as well as innovative knowledge on the Northern countries – a unique region of Europe.
- Critically evaluate past events.
- Reflect on long-term historical processes.
- Conduct independent research, based on a critical analysis of a variety of sources.

Attendance requirements(%):

90%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures, presentations and class discussions.

Course/Module Content:

Scandinavia – historical/cultural background  
Danish-Israeli relations  
Norwegian-Israeli relations

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*Swedish-Israeli relations*  
*The Nordic Council*

*Required Reading:*

*Detailed information will be provided in the course's Moodle.*

*Additional Reading Material:*

*Course/Module evaluation:*

*End of year written/oral examination 0 %*

*Presentation 50 %*

*Participation in Tutorials 0 %*

*Project work 50 %*

*Assignments 0 %*

*Reports 0 %*

*Research project 0 %*

*Quizzes 0 %*

*Other 0 %*

*Additional information:*