



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

New Challenges for Liberalism in the Old Continent (study trip) - 54916

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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:

New Challenges of Liberalism in the Old Continent
Across Western-Europe, long established political arrangements are under attack. Far right parties gain ground leading to increased polarization and fragmentation of society. But how do liberal democracies try to uphold and fight for their core practices, norms and values? The study trip will explore the various responses to the crisis by visiting and engaging in dialogue with institutions, representatives of the intellectual and cultural circles as well as the media in several bordering countries.

Course/Module aims:

The field excursion provides the participants with a wide range of encounters and experiences on-site giving them the opportunity to meet with officials, decision-makers, journalists and other experts. During the trip the student can apply the knowledge gained about Europe and Germany in the first and second semester and deepen their understanding of the political and social landscape(s) through a first hand approach

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

- explore the political landscape of Western Europe by focusing on topics of common concern
- communicate knowledge about these topics
- individually work on particular research topics and present this research to the group
- discuss divergent views in different national contexts related to history, culture and politics

Attendance requirements(%):

100 %

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

the details of the study trip will be provided during the fall semester, most probably including Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands.

the preliminary dates are 4.5.- 14.5.2023

Required Reading:

a reading list will be provided at the beginning of the spring semester

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 100 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

To participate in the study tour the students are required to participate at least in one the following two courses: "Europe from the in-and outside: what you see from here you don't see from there" (spring semester) and/or "The media in Germany: historical and contemporary perspectives" (fall semester).

there will be one final assignment related to the trip. During the trip itself one short presentation at least is required.