

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Identity politics in Europe - 56078

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Political Science

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

Does a European identity exist? If so - how did it develop and what is the role played by supranational institutions? Also - what are the causal mechanisms of Europeanization processes taking place in Europe? And why they do not yield the same results on different member states? The European Union is a fascinating laboratory for the study of political identities. On the one hand, it embraces twenty-seven member states that share not just an internal market, but also cooperate in other fields such as justice and home affairs. On the other hand, and despite what seemingly appears to be an increasing convergence among its member states on cardinal collective issues, a strikingly opposite tendency takes shape, as we increasingly witness calls to restrict the process of deepening and broadening the cooperation among the members of the EU. This puzzling development is essentially evident in the surveys conducted among European citizens, in difficulties to ratifying EU treaties among some member states, as well as in the gradual rise of populist right and Euroskeptical parties across Europe. They were recently translated into action by the 'leave' vote in the Brexit referendum. The course studies this complicated political landscape wherein not just variegated identities operate but are also being molded and reconstructed due to accelerating interactions.

Course/Module aims:

The objective of this course is to expose students to contemporary academic research on European identity, the factors that promote or hinder its creation and the relationship between national and European identities. The course will introduce students to the challenges of empirical research on this subject as well as the effect of European identity on integration processes in Europe.

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

- 1. Analyze current political phenomena utilizing analytical tools as well as theories on identity and politics.*
- 2. develop critical thinking and understanding of the political and societal changes taking shape in Europe.*

Attendance requirements(%):

80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: In the first part of the course

classes are frontal, in the second part student present papers from the syllabus in class.

Course/Module Content:

Course's content and list of themes appears in the course syllabus.

Required Reading:

Required reading appears in the course syllabus.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 70 %

Other 20 %

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Additional information: