



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Issues in Comparative Politics - 56127*

*Last update 30-08-2022*

*HU Credits:* 2

*Degree/Cycle:* 1st degree (Bachelor)

*Responsible Department:* Political Science

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

*Course/Module Coordinator:* Gideon Rahat

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*Coordinator Office Hours:* Coordination through email

*Teaching Staff:*

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*Prof Gideon Rahat*

*Course/Module description:*

*The course presents a variety of issues in comparative politics in order to present the students with the challenges of analyzing politics - from mapping, classification and measurement to analysis and design of recommendations - and the way researchers deal with these challenges. In this framework, various topics will be examined, such as measuring democracy and classifying democratic regimes, various aspects of party politics, referendums, and more.*

*Course/Module aims:*

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

*At the end of this course, students will be able to:*

- \* Identify the challenges facing comparative political researchers.*
- \* To read in a critical manner studies in comparative politics.*
- \* To discuss central issues in comparative politics in an informed manner and with a theoretical understanding.*

*Attendance requirements(%):*

*100%*

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: frontal lectures and class discussions*

*Course/Module Content:*

*Introduction*

*Democracy: How do we measure it?*

*Democratic backsliding*

*Consensus democratic regimes versus majoritarian democratic regimes*

*Globalization of politics*

*Electoral systems: Majoritarian, Proportional or mixed?*

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*The politics of reform*

*Political personalization and personalism*

*What is a new party?*

*Party Types*

*Candidate Selection*

*Intraparty democracy*

*Intraparty reform*

*Summary*

**Required Reading:**

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Barnea, Shlomit and Gideon Rahat. 2007. "Reforming Candidate Selection Methods: A Three-Level Approach," *Party Politics*, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp. 375-394. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068807075942>

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Coppedge, Michael, John Gerring, David Altman, Michael Bernhard, Steven Fish, Allen Hicken, Matthew Kroenig, Staffan I. Lindberg, Kelly McMann, Pamela Paxton, Holli A. Semetko, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Jeffrey Staton and Jan Teorell. 2011.

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#### Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 100 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

#### Additional information:

The final version of the syllabus will be presented a week before the course starts.