

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

RELIGION AND STATE - 56156

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: political science

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course addresses the conflicts between religion and state from a number of different perspectives. Historical and philosophical perspectives of the relations between the two will be presented. The particulars of the situation in Israel will be presented in light of Israeli history and in comparison to other states' arrangements.

Course/Module aims:

The course aims to give students a view of the variety of relations that have existed and do exist between religious bodies and states and to present the Israeli situation in these perspectives.

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

- demonstrate an introductory understanding of important issues and debates arising in the academic study of relations between religion and state
- demonstrate an introductory knowledge and understanding of a range of arrangements between religious and state control
- demonstrate undergraduate skills in writing, critical thinking, argument, reflection, and oral communication regarding the subject of religion and state
- analyze and assess different approaches and arrangements for regulating religious services
- appraise the applicability of different systems of religious-state relations to the Israeli context

Attendance requirements(%):

80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures with class discussion

Course/Module Content:

Part One: Church and State in Perspective

Historical Examples:

England, France, and the U.S.

*Philosophical Perspectives: Hobbes,
Locke, and Bakunin*

Part Two: Arrangements Between Religion and State

Religion and Democracy

Religion and Nationalism

Civil Religion and Theories of Secularization

Part Three: Church and State in Israel

Roots, Accommodation and Transformation

*The Israeli Context
Shifts in Strength and Relations*

Part Four: Case Studies in Israel

Who is a Jew in Israel

Personal Status

Education

The Status of Women

Possible Arrangements

Summary: Religion and Politics Today

Required Reading:

Moyser, George, "Religion and Politics", in John R. Hinnells (ed.), *Routledge Companion to the Study of Religion*, (New York: Routledge, 2005) chap. 24, pp. 423-438. [BL 41 R685 2005]

Dreisbach, Daniel L., *Thomas Jefferson and the Wall of Separation between Church and State* (New York: New York University Press, 2002), pp. 17-30 [E 332.2 D74 2002].

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Locke, John, *An Essay Concerning Toleration and Other Writings* (Milton, John R. and Milton, Philip, eds.) (New York : Clarendon Press, 2006) [BR 1610 L823 2006].

Bakunin, Michael. *God and the State* (New York: Dover Publications, 1970). pp.

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Neuberger, Benyamin, "Religion and State in Europe and Israel", *Israel Affairs*, Vol. 6 (1) 1999, pp. 65-84.

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Ahdar, Rex and Leigh, Ian, *Religious Freedom in the Liberal State* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), "Models of Religion-State Relations", pp. 67-97.

Fox, Jonathan, "Do Democracies Have Separation of Religion and State?" *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 40:1 (March 2007), pp. 1-25.

Stepan, Alfred, "Religion, Democracy and the 'Twin Tolerations'," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 11 (October 2000), pp. 37 - 57.

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Minkenberg, Michael, "Democracy and Religion: Theoretical and Empirical Observations on the Relationship between Christianity, Islam and Liberal Democracy", *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 33 (6), 2007, pp. 887 - 909.

Brubaker, Rogers, "Religion and Nationalism: Four Approaches", *Nations and Nationalism*, Vol. 18, Issue 1 (2012), pp.2-20.

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Juergensmeyer, Mark, "Nationalism and Religion", in: Robert A. Segal (ed). *The Blackwell Companion to the Study of Religion* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2006), pp. 357-367.

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Riis, Ole, 1998, "Religion Re-Emerging-The Role of Religion in Legitimizing Integration and Power", *International Sociology*, 13 (2), pp. 249-272.

<http://iss.sagepub.com/content/13/2/249.abstract>

<http://www.tchelet.org.il/article.php?id&eq;402&page&eq;all>

Avineri, Shlomo, *The Making of Modern Zionism: Intellectual Origins of the Jewish State* (New York: Basic Books, 1981). pp. 3-13.

Shimoni, Gideon, *The Zionist Ideology* (Hanover, N.H.: Brandeis University Press, 1995).

Liebman, Charles and Don-Yehiya, Eliezer. 1983. *Civil Religion in Israel*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1983.

Cohen, Asher and Bernard Susser, "From Accommodation to Decision: Transformations in Israel's Religio-Political Life", *Journal of Church and State*. Autumn 1996, Vol. 38, No. 4, pp. 817-839

<http://jcs.oxfordjournals.org/content/38/4/817.full.pdf>

Fisher, Netanel (Forthcoming), "A Jewish State? Controversial Conversions and the Dispute over Israel's Jewish Character".

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Gazit, Yarden 2012, *Israel 2012: Fasting on Yom Kippur, But Getting Married without the Rabbinate* <http://www.jims-israel.org/pdf/press%20releases/prmarriageeng.pdf>

Berkson, Isaac, "Jewish Education in Palestine", *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, vol.164, November 1932, pp. 139-154.

Shamai, Shmuel, "Cultural Shift -- The Case of Jewish Religious Education", *British Journal of Sociology of Education*, vol. 21, no.3, September 2000, p.401-417.

Raday, Frances, *Women's Human Rights: Dichotomy between Religion and Secularism in Israel*, *Israel Affairs*, 11:1, 2005, pp. 78-94.

or

Sztokman, Elana Maryles. *The War On Women in Israel: A Story of Religious Radicalism and the Women Fighting for Freedom*. Naperville, Ill. : Sourcebooks, 2014. (pp.31-66)

or

Rosenberg-Friedman, on *Religious Women in Pre-State Israel*, *Israel Studies*, Volume 11, Number 3, Fall 2006, pp. 83-107

Peri, Yoram, (ed), "The 'Religionization' of Israeli Society", *Israel Studies Review*, Volume 27, Number 1 (Summer 2012), pp. 1-30.

Ben-Porat, Guy. *Between State and Synagogue: The Secularization of Contemporary Israel*. Cambridge, [England] : New York :: Cambridge, [England] : Cambridge University Press, 2013 New York :, 2013, pp. 1-26.

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Ne'emanai Torah Va'Avodah (2012)

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Tzohar proposal (2012)

Wald, Kenneth D. and Clyde Wilcox, "Getting Religion: Has Political Science Rediscovered the Faith Factor?." *The American Political Science Review* , Vol. 100, No. 4, (Nov., 2006), pp. 523-529.

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage&eq;online&aid&eq;560752&fulltextType&eq;RA&fileId&eq;S0003055406062381>

Nussbaum, Martha, *The New Religious Intolerance: Overcoming the Politics of Fear in an Anxious Age* (Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2012), pp.1-19.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 10 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

No guarantee is given that the syllabus will not be altered, replaced, augmented or otherwise amended at any time