Syllabus

POLITICAL NARRATIVES IN ISRAEL - 56826

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: political science

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Shaul Shenhav

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Course/Module description:
Recent years have seen a growing number of narrative studies in the social sciences, and also in political science. These studies refer in one way or another to the concept of narrative, and its contribution to our understanding of individuals and collectives.

Course/Module aims:
The course will expose the students to narrative analysis in political science, focusing on the Israeli case. It will allow students to gain experience in conducting a narrative research.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Recognize narrative structures in political texts; investigate and analyze the use of narratives in the political arena; explain the use of narratives in political systems and demonstrate it on the Israeli case; evaluate the importance of narratives in the political domain, in general, and in the Israeli political system in particular.

Attendance requirements(%): 80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Theoretical lectures and discussions in class.

Course/Module Content:
Introduction

Part one: Narratives and politics
- Introduction and definitions
- Individuals, families and nations: personal narratives and collective narratives

Part two: narrative approaches in political science
- Story, text, narration and multiplicity
- The relations between political narratives
- Narrative approaches - methodologies and examples: introduction
- Narrative approaches - methodologies and examples: textual analysis
- Narrative approaches - methodologies and examples: interviews
- Narrative approaches - methodologies and examples: quantitative analysis
- Narrative approaches - methodologies and examples: policy analysis
- Narrative approaches - methodologies and examples: theories and empirical
studies

Part three: the stories of Israel

Required Reading:
Introduction


Part one:


Part 2:


One item from the following list:


**Part 3:**

**Additional Reading Material:**


Bamberg, & M. Andrews (Eds.), *Considering counter narratives: Narrating, resisting, making sense* (pp. 351-371). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Elliott, J. (2005). *Using narrative in social research: Qualitative and quantitative approaches*. Sage,
pp. 3-13.


Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 5 %
Project work 95 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
There can be three kinds of final assignment.
1. Theoretical discussion.
2. Empirical (qualitative or quantitative) textual analysis.

* A full and complete version of the syllabus will be available in the course website at the beginning of the academic year.