Syllabus

World Order – Tracking the Idea and Politics of Sovereignty - 58363

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: international relations

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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**Course/Module description:**
This course follows the concept of Sovereignty, and how political, ideational, social and technological changes brought it to be an essential concept in ordering the political human life for centuries. The course highlights the massive changes in recent years which destabilized the meaning of the concept and demonstrates its complex character in different contemporary political arenas.

**Course/Module aims:**
The students will learn about the historic and political processes which attribute the meaning to one of the central concepts in their research field. They will learn about the socio-cognitive processes which stand at the base of attributing meaning to concepts, and by that will improve their critical thinking regarding what is taking for granted. The students will gain tools to investigate and understand contemporary political actions through the use of the destabilized concept of sovereignty.

**Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:**
Describe the historical development of the concept of sovereignty in the political realm.
Compare between different historical meanings of the concept of sovereignty.
Explain how political, social, ideational and technological changes bring to a change in the theoretical meaning of concepts.
Identify in current political actions the role of the concept of sovereignty in constructing it.
Explain the internal contradictions in the concept of sovereignty.
Demonstrate the multiple meanings for the concept of sovereignty.
Show how current political conflicts are constructed with the concept of sovereignty.
Identify different authority arrangements which fall far from the current meaning of the concept of sovereignty.

**Attendance requirements(%):**
80

**Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:**
lectures
reading
movies and presentations
research work
classroom exercises
Course/Module Content:
1. What is sovereignty?  
   Historical development of an idea and its political manifestation
2. The birth of the idea of sovereignty
3. Authority to the people: From Rousseau to WWI
4. World order — the idea of sovereignty and the world wars
5. Worldly encounter — European sovereignty meets other authority arrangements
6. Multifaceted concept — internal challenges to the concept of sovereignty
7. Sovereignty as "Organized Hypocrisy"
8. Alternative meanings to sovereignty
9. Changes in the world order
10. Sovereignty and Global warming
11. Sovereignty and the European Union
12. Sovereignty under intensive globalization conditions
13. Sovereignty and networks
14. Sovereignty and violent political conflicts
15. summary

Required Reading:

hobst, tom, lohit (תרגם: יוסף אואר), הוצאת ספרי ע"ש "י"ל מאגנס, ירושלים: הוצאת הספרים העברית, תש"ג.


Charles Tilly, War Making and State Making as Organized Crime, in: Peter B.


Additional Reading Material:


Hinsley, Francis Harry. Sovereignty. CUP Archive, 1986, Ch. 4.


Ng, R. M. "The influence of Confucianism on Chinese conceptions of power, authority, and the rule of law." Chinese perspectives in rhetoric and communication .45 :(2000) 1


Jennings, Ronald C. "Sovereignty and political modernity: A genealogy of


Sassen, Saskia. Losing control?: Sovereignty in an age of globalization. Columbia
University Press, 1996.


Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 10 %
Project work 90 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: