



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Anthropological Perspective of Policy: A Critical Analysis of Security and Health Emergency Issues - 59633*

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*HU Credits:* 4

*Degree/Cycle:* 2nd degree (Master)

*Responsible Department:* Public Policy

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* Yearly

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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*Coordinator Office Hours:*

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Teaching Staff:

Prof Limor Darash

Course/Module description:

The course has two purposes. First, to examine policy as a social-cultural and historical phenomenon. Second, to clarify the connection between technology and society, while introducing the main theoretical approaches in the field. Finally, we will examine how policies are designed, developed, and executed, with particular attention to the regimes of truth and power within which they appear.

Course/Module aims:

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

To examine policy as a social-cultural and historical phenomenon.  
To understand the connection between technology and society, and know the main theoretical approaches in the field.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Mandatory attendance and active participation - 20%

Article presentation - 20%

Final paper - 60% (of which 10% for presenting it in class)

Course/Module Content:

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Required Reading:

וובר, מקס. 2009. "המדע כיעוד". תכלת 39: 98-128.  
Rabinow, Paul. 2007. "Marking Time: On the Anthropology of the Contemporary". Pp. 1- 11, 54-65. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University press.

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Dean, Mitchell. 1999. "Basic Concepts and Themes." In *Governmentality: Power and Rule in Modern Society*. Pp. 16-51. London: Sage.

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Porter, Theodore M. 1996. "Trust in Numbers: The Pursuit of Objectivity in Science and Public Life". Pp. 3-9. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

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Petryna, Adriana. 2013. "Biological Citizenship". In *Life Exposed: Biological Citizens after Chernobyl*. Pp. 115-148. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Samimian-Darash, Limor. 2013. "Governing Future Potential Biothreats: Toward an Anthropology of Uncertainty". *Current Anthropology* 54(1)

Samimian-Darash, Limor. 2011. "Governing through time: preparing for future threats to health and security". *Sociology of Health & Illness* 33 (6).

Samimian-Darash, Limor. 2017. "Anthropology of security and security in anthropology: Cases of counterterrorism in the United States". *Anthropological Theory* 17 (1)

Samimian-Darash, Limor and Rotem, Nir. 2019. "From Crisis to Emergency: The Shifting Logic of Preparedness". *Journal of Anthropology* 84 (5)

#### Additional Reading Material:

Samimian-Darash, Limor. 2011. "The Re-Forming State: Actions and Repercussions in Preparing for Future Biological Events". *Anthropological Theory* 11(3): 283-307.

Trouillot, Michel R. 2001. "The Anthropology of the State in the Age of Globalization: Close Encounters of the Deceptive Kind". *Current Anthropology* 42(1): 125-138.

Foucault, Michel. 2008. "Course Summary". In *The Birth of Biopolitics: Lectures at the Collège De France 1978-79*. Translated by Graham Burchell. New York & London: Palgrave Macmillan.

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Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %  
Presentation 0 %  
Participation in Tutorials 20 %  
Project work 60 %  
Assignments 0 %  
Reports 0 %  
Research project 0 %  
Quizzes 0 %  
Other 20 %  
presentation

Additional information: