



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

The politics and policy of preparedness for future emergencies and uncertainties. - 59638

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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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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

In this course we will investigate the social, cultural and political phenomenon of the state of emergency and discuss various policy mechanisms for dealing with emergencies and future uncertainties. During the course, we will analytically map different concepts used by states and societies to conceptualize states of emergency, such as: crisis, disaster, emergency, war, and epidemic/pandemic. We will study critical theories (sociological and anthropological) of emergency and analyze policies and plans aimed at preparedness for emergencies in multiple areas such as: security, health, and environment.

Course/Module aims:

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

- *Discuss policy mechanisms for dealing with emergency situations and future uncertainties.*
- *Distinguish between different conceptualizations of emergency and their meaning.*
- *Investigate and analyze materials using critical theories of emergency.*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

*Background and basic concepts
The event: natural/un-natural, the politics of disaster
Approaches to the study of emergencies
Emergency discourse
Crisis (and time perception)
Between emergency and routine
From security to preparedness
Governing the future
Governing through Risk and uncertainty*

Emergency exercises

Required Reading:

Samimian-Darash, Limor. 2011. Governing through time: Preparing for future threats to health and security. *Sociology of Health & Illness* 33(6): 930-945.

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Vigh, Henrik. 2008. Crisis and chronicity: Anthropological perspectives on continuous conflict and decline. *Ethnos* 73(1): 5-24.

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Douglas, Mary, and Aaron Wildavsky. 1982. *Risk and Culture: An Essay on the Selection of Technical and Environmental Dangers*. Pp. 186-198. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

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Samimian-Darash, Limor. 2013. Governing future potential biothreats. *Current Anthropology* 54(1): 1-22.

Armstrong, Melanie. 2012. Rehearsing for the plague: Citizens, security, and simulation. *Canadian Review of American Studies* 42(1): 105-120.
Samimian-Darash, Limor. 2016. Practicing uncertainty: Scenario-based preparedness exercises in Israel. *Cultural Anthropology* 31(3): 359-386.
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Additional Reading Material:

Shore, Cris, and Susan Wright. 2011. Conceptualizing policy: Technologies of governance and the politics of visibility. Cris Shore, Susan Wright, and Davide Pero, eds. *Policy Worlds: Anthropology and Analysis of Contemporary Power*. Pp. 1-25. New York: Berghahn Books.
Wedel, Janine R., Cris Shore, Gregory Feldman, and Stacy Lathrop. 2005. Toward an anthropology of public policy. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 600(1): 30-51.
Samimian-Darash, Limor. 2009. A pre-event configuration for biological threats: Preparedness and the constitution of biosecurity events. *American Ethnologist* 36(3): 478-491.

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Fassin, Didier, and Mariella Pandolfi (Eds.). 2010. *Contemporary States of Emergency: The Politics of Military and Humanitarian Interventions*. Pp. 9-25. New York: Zone Books.

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Koselleck, Reinhart. 2006. *Crisis*. Translated by Michaela W. Richter. *Journal of the History of Ideas* 67(2): 357-400.

Ochs, Juliana. 2011. *Security and Suspicion: An Ethnography of Everyday Life in Israel*. Pp. 35-63. University of Pennsylvania Press.

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Dean, Mitchell. 1999. *Basic concepts and themes. Governmentality: Power and Rule in Modern Society*. Pp. 16-51. London: Sage.

Lakoff, Andrew, and Stephen J. Collier, eds. 2008. *Biosecurity Interventions: Global Health and Security in Question*. Pp. 33-60. New York: Columbia University Press.

Adey, Peter, and Ben Anderson. 2012. *Anticipating emergencies: Technologies of preparedness and the matter of security*. *Security Dialogue* 43(2): 99-117.

Aradau, Claudia, and Rens van Munster. 2012. *The time/space of preparedness: Anticipating the 'next terrorist attack.'* *Space and Culture* 15(2): 98-109.

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Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 30 %

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 45 %

Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture/ Seminar / Pro-seminar / Research proposal 15 %

Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 5 %

Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 5 %

Additional information: