



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

RISK INSURANCE AND THE ROLE OF THE STATE - 59651

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Public Policy

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This course will develop the concepts of the "risk state" and "risk governance" from various theoretical, comparative and historical approaches.

Course/Module aims:

This course will allow the students to understand, analyze and implement knowledge on risk and risk governance in their political and policy analysis

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

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Attendance requirements(%):

80

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture
Presentations by the students
Class discussions*

Course/Module Content:

To be given in the first meeting of the course.

Required Reading:

Background Popular Text

Bernstein, P. L. (1996). Against the gods: The remarkable story of risk. New York: Wiley.

The Course Main Texts

Moss A. David, When All Else Fails: Government as the Ultimate Risk Manager, Harvard University Press, Cam. Mass, 2002

Hood C. Rothstein H. and Baldwin R. The Government of Risk: Understanding Risk Regulation Regimes, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2001.

Newell Peter and Peterson Mathew, *Climate Capitalism: Climate Change and the transformation of Global Economy*, Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Shamir Ronen. 2008 *The Age of Responsibilization: On Market-Embedded Morality*. *Economy and Society* 37, 1, 1-19

Hacker, Jacob, *Privatizing Risk without Privatizing the Welfare State: The Hidden Politics of Social Policy Retrenchment in the United States*. *American Political Science Review*, 98, 2004, pp 243-260

Additional Reading Material:

The History of Statistical Science and Risk

Desrosières, A. *The Politics of Large Numbers: A History of Statistical Reasoning*. Camille Naish tr. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1998

Porter, Theodore M.. *The Rise of Statistical Thinking 1820-1900*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1986.

Porter, Theodore M. *Trust in Numbers: The Pursuit of Objectivity in Science and Public Life*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995.

Ewald, F. 'The return of Descartes' malicious demon: an outline of a philosophy of precaution', in T. Baker and J. Simon (eds) *Embracing Risk*, Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2002, pp. 273-301

Porter, T. M.. *The rise of statistical thinking*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1986.

Porter, T. M. *Trust in numbers. The pursuit of objectivity in science and public life*. Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1995.

Critical Sociological Political Theory

Ulrich Beck, *The Risk Society: Towards a New Modernity*, Sage, London, 1992,

Jasanoff S, *Designs on nature: Science and democracy in Europe and the United States*. New York: Princeton University Press, 2005.

Power Michael, *Organized Uncertainty: Designing a World of Risk Management*. Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2007.

Cultural and Anthropological Inputs

Baker T. and Simon J. (Eds.) *Embracing Risk: The Changing Culture of Insurance and Responsibility*, The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 2002.

Zelizer, V. Morals and Markets: The Development of Life Insurance in the United States, Columbia University Press, 1979.

Douglas M and Wildawsky Aaron, Risk and Culture: An Essay on the Selection of Technological and Environmental Dangers, Berkeley : University of California Press, 1983

Political Science

Vogel David, The Politics of Precaution: Regulating Health, Safety, and Environmental Risks in Europe and United States, Princeton University Press, 2012

Criminology

Richard Ericson, Aaron Doyle and Dean Barry, Insurance as Governance. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2003.

Political and Social History

Temin, P. (Ed.). (1991). Inside the business enterprise. Historical perspectives on the use of information. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1991.

Laura F. Spira, Michael Page, "Risk management: The reinvention of internal control and the changing role of internal audit", Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal, Vol. 16 Iss: 4, 2003, pp.640 - 661

Legal Perspective

Elizabeth Fischer, Risk Regulation and Administrative Constitutionalism, Hart Publishing 2010.

Economic Perspective,

Kip Viscusi, Rational Risk Policy, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1998.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 25 %

Project work 75 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: