Syllabus

LEGAL HISTORY & COMPARATIVE LAW WORKSHOP - 62555

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HU Credits: 3

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor) and 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Faculty of Law

Academic year: 2

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English and Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:
Course/Module description:  
The workshop consists of a series of meetings with leading researchers in legal history and comparative law. Every week we host such a researcher, who presents a paper he or she is currently writing. Workshop participants enter into conversation with the guests, and in the process are exposed to the different writing and research techniques and the different sub-disciplines which make up the legal history field. 
Participants submit 7 reading reports on the papers presented, which are graded by the moderator.

Course/Module aims:  
To have participants encounter the current frontiers of legal history research conducted in Israel and abroad. 
To have participants practice writing in-depth, detailed, thorough critiques of academic papers. 
To familiarize participants with the research process, including its difficulties, by way of engaging them in conversation with researchers who are currently conducting research projects. 
To have participants encounter the key research and writing techniques, and sub-disciplines, which make up the legal history field.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to: 
1. write coherent, comprehensive critiques of academic papers. 
2. understand the legal history research process, including the challenges involved. 
3. understand legal history as a discipline, including the various research methods legal historians use and the sub-disciplines which make up the field.

Attendance requirements(%): compulsory

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: 2 introductory meetings with the workshop moderator, plus 11 meetings with guest researchers, who present research papers they are currently working on. The drafts are circulated among workshop participants two to three weeks before each meeting. Participants must submit critical reports of 7 of the 11 papers presented.
Course/Module Content:
Workshop Schedule, Spring 2014:
February 19, 2014: Douglas Harris, University of British Columbia: "Property and Sovereignty: An Indian Reserve in a Canadian City"

March 5, 2014: David Rabban, University of Texas: chapters 5 & 11 from Law's History: American Legal Thought and the Transatlantic Turn to History.


March 26, 2014: Geetanjali Srikantan, Tel-Aviv University: "Islamisation or Secularisation: The Trajectory of Anglo-Muhammadan Law".

April 2, 2014: Avishalom Westreich, Academic Center for Law and Business: "The Right to Divorce in the Jewish Legal Tradition in Theory and in Practice"

April 30, 2014: Noam Magor, Tel-Aviv University: "To 'Coddle and Caress These Great Capitalists': Eastern Money and Constitution Making in the American West"


June 11, 2014: Catharine McMillan, University of Reading: 'Judah Benjamin: Nineteenth Century Trans-Atlantic Legal Migrations'

June 18, 2014: Symposium celebrating the publication of Law and Identity in Colonial South Asia, by Mitra Sharafi (Wisconsin). Commenting will be Assaf Likhovski (Tel-Aviv University), Itzhak Lubelsky (Tel-Aviv University), and Binyamin Blum (Hebrew University of Jerusalem). Prof. Sharafi will respond.

Required Reading:
The articles listed under "module content".

Additional Reading Material:
Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 100 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: