

Program	Leaders at Work
Course title	Social and Cultural developments in Israel from a historical perspective
Number of ECTS	4
Language of Teaching	English
Year and semester	Fall Semester 2022/23
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### Course Details:

Course description	<p>Even though founded in Europe, Israel is out of Europe but not in Europe. It lies in Asia and like Turkey connects Asia to Europe. Those who share the European continent, but do not share this Christian heritage, are seen as Europe's Other. Israel is certainly not a universal country. One can almost claim that it is the opposite with its particularistic and ethnic self-definition as a Jewish state. Israel (like Turkey) rose out of the Ottoman Empire and constantly has to balance processes of Europeanization, Americanization, the expectations of international institutions and the pressure of local groups and tradition. The course will follow these developments by taking up central topics of Israel's self-understanding. We will follow the various societies in Israel and their descriptions of Israeli realities.</p>
Learning Outcomes	<p>Understanding the different societies in Israel as not only political and religious rivalries, but as equivalent different descriptions of the same realities.</p>

Teaching Methods	Lectures, class discussions and students' presentation.			
Assignments and Requirements	Reading reports, active participation. Students will be divided in three groups (mixed Israeli and German) and will undertake "sociological" walks and report back in class.			
Grade composition	50% active participation, 50% final paper			
Work Parameters (Per week-13 weeks)	Contact hours in lecture form  2	Assignments (hours)  2	Reading (hours)  2	Self-Study (hours)  2
Attendance	Students must attend 80% of the sessions. Unexcused absences exceeding 20% (more than 3 during the semester) will result in an "incomplete" grade in the course.			

## Course Plan - Weekly Topics

Sessi on No.	Date	Topic	Reading / Assignments
1		Introduction	Baruch Kimmerling, <i>The Invention and Decline of Israeliness</i> , London, 2001 (Introduction)
2		Israel's Global Generation, A decade after J14	Harris, Rachel: Between the Backpack and the Tent: Home, Zionism, and a New Generation in Eshkol Nevo's <i>Homesick</i> and Neuland. <i>Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies</i> . 33(4), 2015, S.36-59.
3		The Sacrifice of Yizhak Rabin: Israel and the Peace Process	Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Excerpts from Yigal Amir's Sentencing Decisions, March 27 <sup>th</sup> , 1996. <a href="http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/mfa-archive/1996/pages/excerpts%20of%20yigal%20a%20mir%20sentencing%20decision%20-%20march.aspx">http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/mfa-archive/1996/pages/excerpts%20of%20yigal%20a%20mir%20sentencing%20decision%20-%20march.aspx</a>
4		Only Yesterday: Perceptions of an Israeli National Culture	Regev, Motti: To Have a Culture of our Own. On Israeliness and its Variants. <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> . 23(2). 2000. S.223-247.
5		Zivia Lubetkin and Hannah Arendt: Description of the Holocaust in Israel	Daniel Levy and Natan Sznajder, <i>Holocaust and Memory in the Global Age</i> , Temple University Press, 2005
6		Queer Israel and the meaning of a (Euro)Vision	Gross, Aeyal: The Politics of LGBT Rights in Israel. Nationality, Normativity and Queer Politics. <i>Columbia Human Rights Law Review</i> . 46(2). 2015. S.81-152.
7		Kfar Quasim and the Black Flack of Illegality: Israel and its Arab Population	Orbach, Danny: Black flag at a crossroads: The Kafr Qasim Political Trial (1957–58). <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i> . 45. 2013. S. 491–511.

9		The Temple Mount Calls: Sacredness and Sovereignty	Kimmerling, Baruch: "Between Primordial and Civil Definitions of the Collective Identity: Eretz Israel or the State of Israel?" in Baruch Kimmerling, <i>The Clash of Identities</i> . New York 2008, S.85-103.
10		East meets West: Oriental Jews in Israel	Shohat, Ella: <i>Israeli Cinema. East/West and the Politics of Representation</i> . London. 2010.
11		Two Camels at an Abyss: Ethnicity and citizenship. The meaning of Russianness, Orthodoxy and Ethiopians in Israel.	Remennick, Larrissa: The Two Waves of Russian-Jewish. Migration from the USSR/FSU to Israel: Dissidents of the 1970s and Pragmatics of the 1990s. <i>Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies</i> 18(1-2). 2015. S. 44-66.  Finkelman, Yoel: The Ambivalent Haredi Jew. <i>Israel Studies</i> . 19(2). 2014. S.264-293. Mengistu, Mergaw and Eli Avraham. "Others Among Their Own People": The Social Construction of Ethiopian Immigrants in the Israeli National Press. <i>Communication, Culture and Critique</i> . 8(4), 2015. S. 557-575.
12		"Woe to those who are the Ease at Zion" (Amos 6.1). Non-Citizens looking for shelter in Israel.	Mizrachi, Nissim: Sociology in the Garden: Beyond the Liberal Grammar of Contemporary Sociology. <i>Israel Studies Review</i> . 31(1). 2016. S. 36-65.
13		Final Discussion	