



Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel & Zionism
ISIP's Research Colloquium

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Course Description:

The Program's Colloquium is an interdisciplinary workshop designed to provide ISIP students with an opportunity to present their own research and discuss it in a peer review format. The students will take part in the research colloquium every second week, and in addition will participate in the Institute staff Seminar on a weekly basis. Throughout the colloquium, students will discuss and analyze the lectures of the staff seminar, and while presenting their own research, will discuss the research process, including research goals and questions, literature review and methodology. In order to facilitate this discussion, students will send the outline of their presentations beforehand (one week before the lesson), and the group will be assigned with appropriate readings –that will focus on a particular theme or methodological issue that is relevant to the specific presentation. The course requirements include two presentations (one, each semester), shorts reviews of the bi-weekly readings, and two short papers (one at the end of each semester), analyzing the research process of one of the lectures of the Institute staff seminar.

Course Objectives:

The aim of the Institute Staff Seminar is to facilitate conversations between students, faculty, visiting scholars and members of various departments within the university, and to present new approaches in the field of Israel Studies.

The aim of the colloquium is to create a welcoming intellectual community in which students will be able to discuss and analyze their work in progress. The bi-weekly discussions are intended to acquaint the students with a variety of research perspectives within the field of Israel Studies; to introduce them to research from fields outside their own field of interest and to make them aware and reflective of their own research process.

Course Requirements

Compulsory Attendance: **YES**

Pre-requisites: **NONE**

Structure of the Final Course Grade

1. Two Class-Presentations	40% (20% each)
2. Two Final Papers	<u>60%</u> (30% each)
	100%