

Two Doctoral Scholarships (2019-2023)

A. David Ben-Gurion's Leadership: Theoretical, Structural, Historical or Comparative Aspects.

B. The Urban Labor Movement: Society, Politics and Ideology in Israel

The 'David Ben-Gurion's Political Thought' research group will be giving out two doctoral scholarships from the Center for Israel Studies at the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. The scholarships are designed for outstanding students from the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences, who completed their thesis-track Master's Degree with a grade of 90 and above (a direct PhD track for those who completed their BA summa cum laude will be considered).

The doctoral candidate will take part in a research group led by Prof. Avi Bareli. Group members – researchers from the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences – will examine the role David Ben-Gurion's leadership had played in shaping Israeli society and politics, as well as his leadership as the Labor Movement transitioned from settlement to sovereign state.

a. David Ben-Gurion's Leadership: Theoretical, Structural, Historical and Comparative Aspects

The research will examine David Ben-Gurion's leadership using analytical tools from the field of Leadership Studies. Relevant disciplines: political history, political sociology and political science. Period: 1920s-1960s. Included subjects: interactions between thoughts and actions; leader-public relations; the construction and origins of authority; shaping political and administrative systems; approaches to political recruitment; decision-making processes.

b. The Urban Labor Movement: Society, Politics and Ideology in Israel

The research will deal with the development of the Israeli Urban Labor Movement, as opposed to the Labor Settlement. Period: 1949-1977. Included subjects: socialism, nationalism and *Mamlakhtiyut* [Israeli Republicanism] in the philosophy of the Labor Movement; the partisan arena of the Labor Movement; resource allocation (housing, education, health, employment, wages); representation, equality and inclusion in Labor Movement politics; the development of class relations; immigrant absorption from Muslim countries; center and periphery.

Candidates must submit the following documents:

- Statement of research intent – including fields of interest and possible research questions.
- Curriculum Vitae and list of publications.
- Academic grade records from previous degrees.
- Two recommendation letters – one of which must be from your Master's thesis advisor.

Submission deadline: 30 April 2019 (email: einavmel@bgu.ac.il).

Recommendation letters must be sent directly from the referees to: einavmel@bgu.ac.il