Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, \(\text{2018-19}^{\text{th}}\) Academic Year

Course Name: Politics, Society and Law in Modern India

Course Code: 0037-1-172

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Office Hours: By arrangement

Course Objectives:

This course will explore the challenges and dynamics of Indian democracy, the largest and most advanced democracy in the world. During the course, we will focus on the central issues of government, the law, and politics in India, given the socio-economic, cultural, linguistic, gender, class, and regional factors that exist in the country, as well as its international relations. The course will focus on the politics of independent India (since 1947), in a theoretical and comparative framework. The students will acquire skills for case analysis, with an emphasis on the Indian case.

Guidelines and Requirements:

- Attendance and active participation in lectures - mandatory; including presentation of library materials and supplementary materials uploaded to the course model.
- Successful completion of assignments.
- The course includes class meetings and a variety of reading and viewing assignments.

Grading:

- Participation and attendance in lectures - will not contribute to a further grade, but may reduce or prevent participation in the exam if maximum credits are exceeded.
- 20% Intermediate Assignment - only to the extent that the article(s) are presented in class (20%).
- 80% Exam - (considered as 100% if an additional exam is taken). Minimum passing grade: (60% of total available).

Course Structure:

- What is a political system and its components?
- The concept of consultancy in India - studies and definitions, constitutional and political systems, elections and the role of the judiciary.
- Readings:
  - Optional Readings:

Readings:


Optional Readings:


Skocpol, Theda. "Bringing the State Back in." In Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, & Theda Skocpol (Eds.). *Bringing the State Back In*. Cambridge University Press, 1985: 3-37.


Connor, Walker. “A Nation is a Nation, is a State, is an Ethnic Group, is a…” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 1(10) 1978: 377-400.


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Readings:


**Optional Readings:**


Chakrabarty, Dipesh. "‘In the Name of Politics’: Democracy and the Power of the Multitude in India." *Public Culture* 19(1) 2007: 35-57.


Readings:


Selected parts of Supreme Court Verdicts.

Optional Readings:


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Jacob, Suraj. "Gender and Legislative Performance in India". Politics & Gender, 10(2) 2014: 236-264.


Readings:

Varshney, Ashutosh. "How has Indian Federalism Done?" *Studies in Indian Politics* 1(1) 2013: 43-63.


Optional Readings:


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Sheer 9: 21.05. על בדלנות, אלימות וקונפליקטים אתניים – על סיקיזם, מאואיזם ועוד.

Sheer 9: 28.05 – אחד משכנים

אלה הארצות אוות (פורפ' קומראדישאמה), חותם והופעה, חותם וירשל, הלוחמות התكنيים בג'אנליאט וא

כל מהקולות, קריאת חובה: קבצי עזור מפגש הופעות + הסבר על קולוניאניר. (לזאת במדל).
Optional Readings:


**Special Report:** Sixty years of independence – India Charges Ahead, TIME, vol 170(6), 2007.


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מעדכן ליום 3.01.2019

שעות קבלה מרוכזות של אילת הראל-שלל, חדר 336, בניין 72
08:15-11:00 — 11.06.2018
09:15-10:30 — 13.06.2018

שעת קבלה מתЂביה בוחנה בדוקות על-ידי אילת — 23.06.2018

ממוד 북
העלאת מתЂביה בדוקות
08:15–13:00 עד 5.07.2018
08:15-11:00 — 2.07.2018

转移овый срок — 14.07

שעות קבלה מרוכזות של אילות הראל-שלל, חדר 336, בניין 72
08:30-11:00 — 2.07.2018
09:15-10:30 — 4.07.2018

העברה מתЂביה בוחנה בדוקות על-ידי אילת