Ruling elites, anti-elitism trends and corruption in a comparative perspective

The course deals with the current resurgence of the discussion and research on governing elites. This revival is the outcome of various factors, principally the retreat of the state and the declining popular participation in political processes by the general public. Moreover, it is the outcome of the neo-liberal globalization and increasing marketization of the various aspects of the citizens’ lives. In this state of affairs, governing elites increasingly rely on globalized economic elites for achieving legitimacy, a development that raises the chances of corruption as well as strong anti-elitist currents. The course with Israel in comparative perspective.


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