

המחלקה לספרויות זרות ובלשנות, תש"פ 2019-20

Name of the course: Literature and Memory (ספרות וזיכרון)

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Course number:

Office hours: Tuesdays: 11:00-12:00

Short course description

This course explores the mushrooming of postmodern plots, literary and cinematic, centering on disorders. The growing popularity of such narratives over the last few decades enhances the multi-cultural aspect of postmodern literature and film. Nevertheless, plots on disorders reflect upon the pathological nature of postmodern culture that is a catalyst for the splintering of the postmodern subject.

Key words: memory disorders, postmodern culture, multi-culturalism

הקורס מדגיש את הפופולריות של הז'אנר הספרותי והקולנועי הפוסטמודרני העוסק בהפרעות זיכרון. למרות שהעניין הגובר בסוגיה זו נובע מהטבע הרב-תרבותי של החברה הפוסטמודרנית, אולם נמצא קשר הדוק בין אופיו "הפתולוגי" של העידן הפוסטמודרני לבין אופיין של הפרעות זיכרון כפי שבא לידי ביטוי בז'אנר הספרותי והקולנועי העכשווי.

מלות מפתח: הפרעות זיכרון, תרבות פוסטמודרנית, רב-תרבותיות

Course requirements:

Attendance required

- 1. A Final Paper 55 %
- 2. Two quizzes 40%
- 3. Participation in class discussions 5%

דרישות הקורס:

נוכחות חובה

- 1. עבודת גמר 55%
- 2. שני בחנים 40%
- 5% השתתפות פעילה בקורס 3.

Course Plan:

Week	Topic	Assigned Reading
1	Introduction on the relationship between culture and disorder & the process of labeling disorders (DSM)	An article for Szasz noted in the bibliography
2-3	Insomnia	Selected scenes from Christopher Nolan's film <i>Insomnia</i>
4-5	A child with Asperger's Syndrome	Mark Haddon's <i>The Curious Incident of</i> the Dog in the Night-time
6	Quiz # 1 (45 minutes) Amnesia	Dennis Potter's Ticket to Ride (chapter 1)
7-8	Short-term memory loss (anterograde amnesia	Selected scenes from Christopher Nolan's film <i>Memento</i>
9	Early onset Alzheimer's	Selected scenes from the movie Still Alice
10	Quiz # 2 (45 minutes) Early onset Alzheimer's	Still Alice continued
11-12	Cultural amnesia	Paul Auster's Man in the Dark
13	Conclusions Guidelines for the Final Paper	

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