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Political Participation: A Research Dialog with Leading International Scholars
2 credit points, optional course for B.A (M.A. and Ph.D. also welcome)
Course 0-138-1-239 - Department of Politics and Government
Semester Alef, Wednesdays 16:15 – 17:45, online (via zoom)

Course description:
The main goal for this course, which is conducted online (via zoom) in English, is for students to create a dialog with leading international scholars on the topic of political participation from a cross-national and historical perspective, ranging from party membership to twitter revolutions. Students will select one leading scholar on the topic whose work they will study in-depth as the focus of periodic exercises and a final paper in English. The course will include several classes in which leading international scholars on these topics will join our course as guest lecturers in a zoom seminar format that will be open to the general public, and students in this course will take an active role in planning and facilitating those meetings.

Innovative teaching components focused on student learning and skills-building:
In addition to written and spoken skills in English, students in this course will be supported to gain a number of academic and professional skills including: Academic use of ChatGPT; training on preparing academic and professional oral presentations online supported by TED talk consultant feedback; academic seminar facilitation skills; giving and receiving peer reviewed comments on oral and written work; international online academic network-building skills; and close familiarity with the writings in the *Annual Review of Political Science* journal, including its video interviews of leading scholars which we will view and discuss together in class (see for example this video interview with Prof. Theda Skocpol).

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Eligibility: BGU Politics & Government BA students will be given first priority, and our MA and PhD students are also warmly welcome to register. Course size will be limited to 25 students overall. Space permitting, a limited number of students will be allowed to audit the course (שומעים חופשיים) from other departments at BGU, and from other universities throughout Israel.

Required Attendance: Live attendance and active participation are **required** in order to receive course credit. Classes will not be videotaped, and students who do not attend and actively participate in class will not receive a grade.

Assignments: In addition to completion of in-class interactive exercises, there are 2 main required assignments:
(1) An in-class presentation in which each student presents a summary and critique of an academic article.
(2) A literature review of the scholar's work selected by the student, due end of semester alef (6 pages in length).

A more detailed syllabus, course readings, and assignment descriptions will be reviewed in the first class.
NOTE: Students must attend all classes **before** the registration deadline and complete a short written exercise to evaluate English skills in order to be eligible to remain registered students in this course.