

**Department Sociology and Anthropology, BGU**

**Course: Critical Political Studies**

**M.A. elective seminar**

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**Course Description:** This graduate course discusses crucial concepts that help to comprehend democratic politics: power, violence, state institutions, the military, the nation. It analyzes different approaches to democracy originated by historical sociology, and finally attempts to discuss the political sphere as a field, an arena and space of representation and compromise.

### **1. Power, Violence and the Military**

- \* Arendt, H. (1969). On Violence, New York: Harcourt, Brace and World.
- \* Mann, M. (2005). The Dark Side of Democracy: Explaining Ethnic Cleansing. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.
- \* Tilly C. (1985). "War Making and State Making as Organized Crime", in Evans, P., Rueschemeyer, D. and Skocpol, T. (eds.) Bringing the State Back In, New York: Cambridge University Press.

### **2. The Nation**

- \* Gellner, E. (1983). Nations and Nationalism, Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press.
- \* Anderson, B. (1991). Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism. Revised Edition ed. London and New York: Verso.
- \* Brubaker, R. (1996). Nationalism Reframed: Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe, London: Cambridge UP.
- \* Chatterjee, P. (1993). The Nation and its Fragments, Colonial and Post-Colonial Histories, Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press.

### **3. The State**

- \* Skocpol, T. Evans P., Rueschemeyer D. (eds.). (1985). Bringing the State Back In, New York: Cambridge University Press.
- \* Tilly C. (1992). Coercion, Capital and European States, Ad 990-1992, Cambridge: Basil Blackwell.
- \* Stepan, A. (2001). Arguing Comparative Politics. New York: oxford University Press.

### **4. Democracy**

- \* Moore, B. Jr. (1966). Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy. Penguin Books: Narmondsworth. Chapters 7-8, pp. 413-452.
- \* Rustow, D.A. (1970). "Transitions to Democracy: Toward a Dynamic Model". Comparative Politics, 2: 337-363.

- \* O'Donnell, G. and Schmitter, P.C. (1986). Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies. Johns Hopkins University Press: Baltimore.
- \* Rueschemeyer, D., Stephens, E.H and J.d Stephens. (1992). Capitalist Development and Democracy. University of Chicago Press: Chicago. Chapter 7, pp. 269-302.
- \* Linz, J. J. and A. C. Stepan (1996). Problems of Democratic Consolidation and Transition. John Hopkins University Press: Baltimore, Chapters 1-2, pp. 3-37.
- \* O'Donnell, G. (1996). "Illusions about Democracy". Journal of Democracy, 7: 34-51.
- \* Collier, D. and S. Levitsky (1997). "Democracy with Adjectives: Conceptual Innovation in Comparative Research". World Politics, 49: 430-51.

## **5. Politics**

- \* Bourdieu, P. (1992). Language and Symbolic Power. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- \* Cohen, J.L and Arato, A. (1994). Civil Society and Political Theory. Cambridge Massachusetts and London England: MIT Press.
- \* Tarrow, S. (1998). Power in Movement. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- \* Collier, R.B. and D. Collier (1991). Shaping the Political Arena – Critical Junctures, The Labor Movement and Regime Dynamic in Latin America. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- \* Grinberg, L.L. (2010). Politics and Violence in Israel/Palestine. London: Routledge.