

**Department Sociology and Anthropology, BGU**

**Course: Economy, Politics and the State**

**BA elective seminar**

**Year 2008-2009**

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**Course description:** This seminar aims to facilitate the understanding of theories of political economy by discussing central issues of the field. Each meeting will be dedicated to discuss one or two articles presented by the students. Some of the meetings will be dedicated to analyses of Israeli political economy. Participants in the seminar will read the material each week, and from time to time will present the material in the class. The last three meetings will be dedicated to presentations by the students of material collected on the global financial crisis and an analysis of the material. At the end of the semester they will write an assignment.

**First Class (23/4) Introduction**

\* Goldthorpe, J. 1978. "The Current Inflation: Towards a Sociological Account". In The Political Economy of Inflation. London: Robertson.

**Second Class (30/4) Colonialism**

\* Rex, J. (1970). Race Relations in Sociological Theory. Weidenfeld & Nicolson Press. Ch. 2.

\* Fredrickson, G. The Arrogance of Race. University Press of New-England, Hanover. Ch. 17, pp. 254-270.

**Third Class (7/5) Labor and Capital**

\* Marx, K. (1977). "Wage-Labour and Capital". In Karl Marx: Selected Writings. Oxford, Oxford University Press. pp. 248-268.

**Fourth Class (14/5) Colonialism and Settlement in Israel**

\* Shafir, G. (1989). Land and Labor and the Origins of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Ch. 3, pp. 45-90.

**Fifth Class (21/5) Cultural Division of Labor in Israel**

\* Swirsky, S (1981) Lo Nechshalim ela Menuchshalim, Ch. 3 "Core Features of the Relations between Mizrachim and Ashkenazim today" (Hebrew)

**Sixth Class (4/6) Labor Organizations and the State**

\* Schmitter P.C. (1974). "Still the Century of Corporatism?". The Review of Politics, 36: 85-131.

\* Goldthorpe, J. (1984). "The End of Convergence: Corporatist and Dualist Tendencies in Modern Western Societies". in Order and Conflict in Contemporary Capitalism, J. Goldthorpe (ed.). Oxford: Clarendon Press.

**Seventh Class (11/6) US Imperialism**

\* Todd, E. (2003). After the Empire. Columbia University Press.

Eight Class (18/6) Globalization גלובליזציה

\* Stiglitz, J. (2002). Globalization and its discontents, W. W. Norton Pub. NY.

Ninth Class (25/6) Globalization in Israel

\* Ram, U. (2008). The Globalization of Israel: McWorld in Tel Aviv, Jihad in Jerusalem. Routledge, London.

Classes 10-12 (2-19/7) Student Presentations