Department of Sociology & Anthropology, BGU

Course: Ethnicity in Israel: Anthropological Perspectives

Level and status: 4 credit points B.A. elective seminar  
Prior requirements: "Introduction to anthropology" & Qualitative Research Methods" 

Lecturer: André Levy 

Taught: 2010/11 

Course description: 
This seminar examines the concept "ethnicity" in Israel as evolved from the 1960s to our days. It does so by comparing anthropological texts written in Hebrew with anthropological and sociological researches written in English as well as with sociological texts written in Hebrew. This comparison is intended to expose the political and socio-cultural premises of both Israeli sociology and anthropology. 

Course requirements: 1. Participation in all classes. 2. Reading materials weekly. 3. Students are required to be present in class meetings a paper from the reading list (20% of the grade). 4. Submit a final work (80%) based on anthropological methods. Detailed instructions for it are on H.L. 

Grade: final written work (80% of grade) and class presentation (20%). 

Course reading list: 

Gans, Herbert J.  

Yancey, L. William, P. Eugene Ericksen, and N. Richard Juliani  

Barth, Fredrik  

Cohen, Ronald  

Ben-Raphael, Eliezer, and Stive Sharot  
Additional readings:
Beyond the above, each student is expected to compose a specific reading list, based on his/her unique research interest.