

**Department Sociology and Anthropology, BGU**

**Course: Introduction to Sociology**

**BA compulsory Course**

**Year 2009-2010**

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**Course description:** This is an introductory course aiming to learn the basic sociological theories and concepts from the beginning of sociology until our days. Semester A will present five basic approaches: Functionalism, Social Construction of Reality, Marxian and Weberian approaches, and post-modern, including post-modernism, post-colonialism and feminism. Semester B will enter different fields of the sociological research seen from different sociological perspectives. This part will discuss socialization, deviance, sociology of education, organizations, economy and politics.

Course requirements: Students will write two essays and take three in-class multiple choice tests during the year, (40% of final grade) and one integrative exam at the end of the year (60% of final grade).

**Readings**

Semester A

1. Durkeim, E. What is a Social Fact? (in Hebrew, translated by Gad Yair)

**Functionalism**

2. Parsons, T., (1972) "The Concept of Society: the Components and their Interrelations", in Societies, pp. 5-24.
3. Davis, K. and Moore, H. 1945. "Some Principles of Stratification". American Sociological Review. Vol. 10, Issue 2. pp. 137-141.

**Social Construction of Reality**

4. Goffman, E. (1959). [The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life](#). University of Edinburgh Social Sciences Research Centre.
5. Berger, P. I. and T. Luckmann. (1967). The Social Construction of Reality. The Penguin Press. pp. 53-67.

**Marx**

6. Marx, K. and F. Engels. (1977). "The Communist Manifesto". In McLellan, D. (Ed.), Karl Marx: Selected Writings. Oxford, Oxford University Press. pp. 221-247.
7. Marx, K. (1977). "Preface to A Critic of Political Economy". In McLellan, D. (Ed.), Karl Marx: Selected Writings. Oxford, Oxford University Press. pp. 388-392.

### **Weber**

8. Weber, M. (2003). [The Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism](#). Dover Publications.
9. Weber, M. (1946). "Class, Status and Party". In Gerth, H. H. and C. W. Mills (Eds.). (2005). From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology. Routledge, London. pp. 180-195.

### **Post-Modernism and Post-Colonialism**

10. Foucault, M. 1990. "Sexual Discourse and Power". in: Alexander, .J. and Seidman, S. (eds) Culture and Society- Contemporary Debates. N.Y: Cambrigde UP. Pp: 199-204.
11. Said, E. W. (1994). Orientalism. NY, Vintage Books.

### **Feminism**

12. Friedan, B. (2001). The Feminine Mystique. W. W. Norton Publications.
13. Hooks, B. (2000). "Sisterhood: Political Solidarity among Women". In Hooks, B. Feminist Theory: From margins to Center. South End Press.

### Semester B

#### **Socialization and Deviance**

1. Mead, G.H., (1999) Mind, Self and Society, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Pp. 152-150.
2. Bourdieu, P. (1998). On Television. New York, The New Press.
3. Cohen, A. K. (1955). Delinquent Boys: The Culture of the Gang. Illinois, Free Press.
4. Merton, R. (1938). "Social Structure and Anomie". American Sociological Review. Vol. 3, No. 5. pp. 672-682.

#### **Education and Stratification**

5. Collins, R. (1971). "Functional and Conflict Theories of Educational Stratification". American Sociological Review. vol. 36: 1002 – 1019.
6. Nahon, Y. (1993) "Education Expansion and Structure of Opportunities" in Ethnic Groups and Social Positions, Eizenstadt and Lissak, eds. Jerusalem: Jerusalem Institute of Research, pp. 33-50.

### **Sociology of Organizations**

7. Weber, M. (1947). "Bureaucracy". In Gerth, H. H. and C. W. Mills (Eds.). From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology. London, Kegan Paul. pp. 196-216.
8. DiMaggio, P. and Powell, W. (1983) "The iron cage revisited: institutional isomorphism and collective rationality in organizational fields". American Sociological Review, vol. 48:147-160.

### **Political and Economic Sociology**

9. Kornhauser, W. (1966). "Power Elite or Veto Groups". In Bendix, R. and S. M. Lipset (Eds.) Class, Status and Power. Collier and Mcmillan Press.
10. Piore, M., (1979). Birds of Passage, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press  
Pp. 35-43.
11. Ehrnreich, B. and A. Fuentes. (1983). Women in the Global Factory. Institute for New Communications.
12. Ram, U. (2008). The Globalization of Israel: McWorld in Tel Aviv, Jihad in Jerusalem. Routledge, London.