

Department of Sociology & Anthropology, BGU

Course: Israeli Society: Sociological Analysis

Level and status: 4 credit points B.A. Obligatory course for second year students.

Prior requirements: None

Lecturer: Dr. Daniel Maman

Taught: 2004/5, 2005/6, 2006/7, 2007/8, 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11

Course description:

The course suggests a sociological analysis of the Israeli society from the pre-state period until 2000s. The aim is to provide sociological interpretation, knowledge, and develop critical thinking of the Israeli society. The course will focus on several themes, such as change and continuity, state and society, immigration, wars, military and society, stratification and social cleavages, and economy and society. The course will be based on two axes: change -- continuity and integration -- disintegration.

Course requirements:

Students are required to be present in class meetings and read the material. There will be three quizzes (historical knowledge and two required reading quizzes) and a final exam.

Grade: the historical knowledge quiz 20%, each of the required reading quizzes 15% and final exam 50%

Course schedule and reading list:

Fall Semester:

1. The Historical Background of the Israeli Society

Ben Sasson Haim (ed.), 1969, *The History of the Jewish People*, vol. 3, Tel Aviv, Devir, pp. 177-190, 262-2270, 297-300, 313-318, 340-350 (in Hebrew).

Encyclopaedia Hebraica, 1993, vol 6 (1), *The Land of Israel*, Jerusalem, Hapoalim Publishing House, pp. 726-748, 766-828 (in Hebrew).

Saadon Haim and Yoel Rapel (eds.), 1997, *The Underground in Islamic Countries*, Jerusalem, Ben Zvi Institute, pp. 25-36 (in Hebrew).

Encyclopaedia Hebraica, 1993, vol 6 (2), *The State of Israel*, Jerusalem, Hapoalim Publishing House, pp. 12-50, 51-230 (in Hebrew).

2. State and Society

Kimmerling, Baruch, 1993, "State-Society in Israel", Uri Ram (ed.), *Israeli Society: Critical Perspectives*, Tel Aviv, Brerouth Publishing House, pp.328-350 (in Hebrew).

Horowitz, Dan and Moshe Lissak, 1990, *Trouble in Utopia: The Overburdened Polity of Israel*, Tel Aviv, Am Oved Publishers, pp. 198-239 (in Hebrew).

Bernard (Baruch) Susser and Asher Cohen, 1999, "Religious-Secular Strife: The Political Dimensions", *Politika*, III, Spring 1999, pp. 9-30 (in Hebrew).

Smooha, Sammy, 2000, "The Regime of the State of Israel: Civil Democracy, Non-Democracy, or Ethnic Democracy?" *Israeli Sociology*, 2(2), pp. 565-630. (in Hebrew).

3. Stratification and Social Cleavages

Khazzoom, Aziza, 1999, "Orientalism, Jewish Identity, and Social Closure: Historical Roots of Ethnically-based Social Closure in Israel" *Israeli Sociology*, 1(2), pp. 385-428. (in Hebrew).

Rabinowitz, Dan and Abu Baker Khawla, 2002, *The Stand Tall Generation: The Palestinian Citizens of Israel Today*, Jerusalem, Keter, 25-79 (in Hebrew).

Rosenhek, Zeev, 1999, "Labor Migrants in the Israeli Welfare State: Exclusionary and Inclusionary Trends", *Bitachon Soziali*, 56, pp. 97-112 (in Hebrew).

Izraeli, Dafna M, 1999, "Gendering in the Sphere of Work", Dafna N. Izraeli, Ariella Friedman, Henriette Dahan-Kalev, Sylvia Fogiel-Bijaoudi, Hanna Herzog, Manar Hasan, Hanna Naveh (eds.), *Sex, Gender, Politics: Women in Israel*, Tel Aviv, Hakibbutz Hameuchad, pp. 167-215 (in Hebrew).

Spring Semester:

4. Immigration and the Israeli Society

Horowitz, Tamar, 1996, "Value-oriented Parameters in Migration Policies in the 1990s", Moshe Lissak and Baruch Knei-Paz (eds.), *Israel towards the Year 2000: Society, Politics and Culture*, Jerusalem, Magnes, pp. 15-26 (in Hebrew)..

Markowitz, Fran, 2001, "Emigration, Immigration and Cultural Change: Towards a Trans-National Russian Jewish Community", Moshe Lissak and Elazer Leshem (eds.), *From Russia to Israel: Identity and Culture in Transitional*, Tel Aviv, Hakibbutz Hameuchad, pp. 15-26 (in Hebrew).

Salamon, Hagar, 1998, , "The Metamorphosis of Racial Awareness: From Ethiopia to the Promised Land", Tamar Alexander, Galit Hazan-Rokem, Shalom Zabar (eds.) *Jerusalem Researches in the Jewish Folklore*, Jerusalem, Magnes Publishing, pp. 125-146 (in Hebrew).

5. Religion and Society

Ravitzky, Aviezer, 1997, "Religious and Secular Israelis: A Post-Zionist Cultural War?," *Alpayim*, 14, pp. 80-96 (in Hebrew).

El-Or, Tamar.1993. "You Can't See Iceland from Shiloh: The Rechelim Case." *Alpaim*, 7, pp. 59-81. (in Hebrew).

Stadler, Nurit, 2003. "Work, Livelihood and the Miraculous: Defining the Haredi Dilemma in Israel". Sivan Emanuel. and Caplan, Kimmy (eds.), *Haredim in Israel*, Jerusalem, Hakibutz Hameuhad & Van Leer, 32-55 (in Hebrew).

Peled Yoav, 2001, "The Riddle of Shas," Yoav Peled (ed.), *Shas: The Challenge of Israeliness*, Tel Aviv: Yediot Achronot, pp. 52-75 (in Hebrew).

6. Wars, Military and Society

Horowitz, Dan and Moshe Lissak, 1990, *Trouble in Utopia: The Overburdened Polity of Israel*, Tel Aviv, Am Oved Publishers, pp. 240-271 (in Hebrew).

Kimmerling, Baruch, 1993, "Patterns of Militarism in Israel", *Teoria U'Bikoret*, 123-140 (in Hebrew).

Ben-Eliezer, Uri, 2003, "The Civil Society and Military Society in Israel: Neo-Militarism and Anti-Militarism in the Post-Hegemonic Era", Majid Al-Haj and uri Ben-Elizer (eds.), *In the Name of Security: The Sociology of Peace and War in Israel in Changing Times*, Haifa, Haifa University Press/Pardes Publications, pp29-76 (in Hebrew).

7. Economy and Society

Shalev, Micahel, 2004, "Have Globalization and Liberalization 'Normalized' Israel's Political Economy?", Dani Filc and Uri Ram (eds.), *The Power of Property: Israeli Society in the Global Age*, Jerusalem Hakibutz Hameuhad & Van Leer, 84-115 (in Hebrew).

Maman Daniel, 2008, "Structural Changes in the Israeli Business Groups", *Law & Business*, 8, 123-157 (in Hebrew).

8. Controversies in the Israeli Sociology

Ram Uri, 2008, *The Time of the "Post": Nationalism and the Politics of Knowledge in Israel*, Tel Aviv, Resling, pp. 71-126.