

Department Sociology and Anthropology, BGU

Course: Political Economy

BA elective course

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Course Description: The goal of the course is to study basic concepts of critical political economy through the discussion of central debates in the field. The course is divided in six chapters: 1. Founding assumptions, 2. The Development of the World System, 3. The State, 4. Uneven Encounters, 5. Labor Organizations, 6. Structural changes and Globalization. At the end of each chapter the students will write an assignment, the four best grades will be calculated as 40% of the final grade, and the final exam at the end of the year 60%.

1. Founding Assumptions of Political Economy

- * Smith, A. (1976). *The Wealth of Nations*. Vol. 1, Book 1, Ch. 1, pp. 7-16. University of Chicago Press, Chicago.
- * Marx, K. (1977). "Preface to A Critic of Political Economy" and "Salary and Capital Profits"
- * 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.

2. The Development of the World System

- * McMichael, P. (1985). "Britain's Hegemony in the Nineteenth-Century World-Economy". In Evans et al. (Eds.). States Vs. Markets in the World System, Sage Publications.
- * Dos Santos, T. (1970). "The Structure of Dependence". The American Economic Review. Vol. 60, No. 2. pp. 231-236.
- * Kiely, Ray. 1998. "The Crisis of Global Development". In Ray Kiely and Phil Marfleet (eds.) Globalization and the Third World. New-York, Rutledge.

3. The State

- * Skocpol, T. (1980). "Political Response to Capitalist Crisis: Neo-Marxist Theories of the State and the Case of the New Deal", Politics and Society, 10:2. pp. 155-201.
- * Rueschmeier, D., Stephens, E. H., and Stephens, J. D. (1992). Capitalist Development and Democracy. University of Chicago Press, Chicago.

4. Uneven Encounters

- * Bonacich, E. (1979). "The Past, Present and Future of Split Labor Market Theory". Research in Race and Ethnic Relations, 1:17-42.
- * Hechter, M. (1975). Internal Colonialism. Ch. 2 "Towards a Theory of Ethnic Change". University of California Press, California.

5. Labor Organizations

- * Sturmfthal, A. (1973). "Industrial Relations Strategies". In Sturmfthal, A. and J. G. Scoville (Eds.). The International Labor Movement in Transition. University of Illinois Press, Chicago.
- * Grinberg, L. (1991). Split Corporatism in Israel. SUNY Press, Albany.

6. Structural Changes and Globalization

- * Williamson, J. (1994). "In Search of a Manual for Technopols". In Williamson J. (Ed.). The Political Economy of Policy Reform. The Institute for International Economics, Washington. pp. 11-28.
- * Stiglitz, J. (2003). "The IMF's other agenda". In Globalization and its discontents. W. W. Norton & Company Press. pp. 195-214.
- * Jessop, B. "Thatcherism and Flexibility: The White Heat of a Post-Fordist Revolution". In Jessop, B. et al. (Ed.). The Politics of Flexibility: restructuring state and industry in Britain, Germany, and Scandinavia. E. Elgar Pub.