

Department of Sociology & Anthropology, BGU

Course: Sociology Now

Level and status: 4 credit points M.A. obligatory course (for the track Critical Social Studies (then General Sociology); elective for others)

Prior requirements: None

Lecturer: Dr. Nitza Berkovitch

Taught: 2007/8

Course description: the course aims to introduce to the students contemporary theoretical perspectives and research programs in the various areas of Sociology. The course is divided to sections of three lectures each in which members of the department will present and discuss new developments in her/his area of specialty.

Course requirements: students are required to be present in class meetings and read the assigned readings. The students will write a seminar paper in one of the areas that will be presented in class, guided and evaluated by the relevant lecturer.

Grade: 100% final written work

Course schedule and reading list:

Fall Semester:

Introduction: presentation of the course

New Institutional theories and institutional change – Daniel Maman

Campbell, John L. 2004. *Institutional Change and Globalization*. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press. Ch. 1 (1-30); Ch. 2 (31-61); Ch. 3 (62-89)

Maman, Daniel. 2006. "Diffusion and Translation: Business Groups in the New Israeli Corporate Law." *Sociological Perspectives*, 49 (1) 115-135.

Maman, Daniel, and Zeev Rosenhek. 2007. Forthcoming. "The Politics of Institutional Reform: The 'Declaration of Independence' of the Israeli Central Bank." *Review of International Political Economy*, 14 (2), 251-275.

Oriel Sullivan: Sociology of Time and Time Use

Zerubavel, E. 1982. "The Standardization of Time: A Sociological Perspective". *American Journal of Sociology* 88(1): 1-23 [1-10 & 12-21]

Oriel Sullivan & Jonathan Gershuny. 2001. Cross National Changes in Time-Use". *British Journal of Sociology* 52(2): 331-347.

Cynthia Fuchs Epstein and Arne L. Kallberg. 2004. "Time and Work: Changes and Challenges". Chap. 1 – pp. 1-19 of *Fighting for Time: Shifting Boundaries of Work and Social Life* (NY: Sage).

Oriel Sullivan & Jonathan Gershuny. 2004. "Inconspicuous Consumption: Work-rich, Time-poor in the Liberal Market Economy." *Journal of Consumer Culture* 4(1): 79-100.

Democracy and Political Sociology: Lev Grinberg

Moore, Barrington, Jr. (1966) **Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy**. Penguin Books: Harmondsworth. Chapters 7-8, pp. 413-452.

Linz, J. and Stepan, A. (1996) **Problems of Democratic Consolidation and Transition**, John Hopkins University Press: Baltimore, Chapters 1-2, pp. 3-37.

Rueschemeyer, D., Stephens, E.H and J.D. Stephens. (1992) **Capitalist Development and Democracy**. University of Chicago Press: Chicago. Chapter 7, pp. 269-302.

Lev Grinberg. 2007. **Imagined Peace and Discourse of War**. Ch. 2. And 3. Resling. (Hebrew)

Spring Semester

Sociology of the Welfare State and Gender: Sara Helman

Esping-Andersen, Gosta. 1990. **The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism**. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press. pp. 9-34.

Orloff, Ann Shola. 1993. "Gender and the Social Rights of Citizenship: The Comparative Analysis of Gender Relations and Welfare States." **American Sociological Review** 58:303-328.

Sara Helman. 2005 "Let us help them to raise their children into good citizens": Single Parents' Families Act and the wages of care-giving in Israel." Unpublished Manuscript.

Sociology of Medicine: Aviad Raz

Nye, Robert (2003) 'The Evolution of the Concept of Medicalization in the Late Twentieth Century.' *Journal of History of the Behavioral Sciences*, 39(2), 115–129.

Clarke, Adele, *et al.*, (2003). 'Biomedicalization: Technoscientific Transformations of Health, Illness, and U.S. Biomedicine.' *American Sociological Review*, 68: 161–194.

Jennings, Bruce (2003). 'Genetic Citizenship: Knowledge and Empowerment in Personal and Civic Health.' A Concept Paper Prepared for The March of Dimes/Health Resources and Services Administration/ Genetic Services Branch Project on Genetic Literacy

Raz, A. (2004) "'Important to test, important to support': Attitudes toward disability rights and prenatal diagnosis among leaders of support groups for genetic disorders in Israel," *Social Science and Medicine* 59(9): 1857-1866

Sociology of Globalization: Uri Ram

Uri Ram. 2008. "Globalization (I)". In his: *The globalization of Israel :McWorld in Tel Aviv, jihad in Jerusalem* . New York : Routledge.

Uri Ram. 2008. " Post Fordison". In his: *The globalization of Israel :McWorld in Tel Aviv, jihad in Jerusalem* . New York : Routledge.

Jens Bartelson. 2000. "Three concepts of Globalization". *International Sociology*, 15: 180-196.

Politics of Global Feminism: Nitza Berkovitch

Moghadam, Valentine. 1999. "Gender and the Global Economy." Pp. 128-160 in *Revisioning Gender*, edited by Myra Marx Ferree, et.al.. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage

Mohanty, Chandra Talpade. 2003. "Sisterhood, Coalition, and the Politics of Experience" in her book: *Feminism without Borders*. pp. 106-123.

Hemment, Julie. 2004. "Global Civil Society and the Local Costs of Belonging: Defining Violence against Women in Russia." *Signs* 29(3):815-840

Wrap-up class

