Department of Sociology & Anthropology, BGU

Course: Work and Family, Public and Private

Level and status: 4 credit points MA seminar

Prior requirements: None

Lecturer: Dr. Nitza Berkovitch

Taught: 2008/09, 2010/11

Course Description: The distinction between the public and private organizes social institutions and shapes social identities. The course will explores the ways in which this distinction constitutes 'work', 'family', the categories of "masculinity." We will explore the "boundary work" performed by individuals and organizational strategies that aim at times to reconstitutes the boundaries and at times to challenge and blur them.

Course requirements: students are required to be present in class meetings and read the required readings. The main assignment is writing a seminar paper based on empirical study designed and performed by the student on a topic of his/her choosing. Before they submit the final paper they have to: 1. Get approval for the topic. 2. Submit a short research proposal (1-2 pages long). 3. Present in class preliminary results and tentative conclusions.

Grade: 10% participation in class discussions
10% research proposal and class presentation
80% final paper.

Course Schedule and Reading List:

The Emergence of public/private, home/work


**Bringing the Family to Work**


**Bringing the Work to the Family**


Kanter WIVES


**Housework /Working at Home/ at someone's Else Home**


(Home)work, Time and Money


Bringing the Parent's parents Back In


Family Friendly Policy and Organizations


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Additional Readings


