Syllabus – Targets:

The main objective of this course is to theorize and critically analyze urban conflicts in Israel. Using interdisciplinary approach (politics, development, geography, sociology) the course will examine the roots of urban conflicts and their particular characteristics (vis a vis national or regional conflicts). Additionally, this course will also contextualize such contested environments in a comparative dimension. Beyond the study of different cases, the course will accentuate different theories in urban studies and politics.

1. Learning about the history, sociology and politics of urban conflicts in Israel.

2. Developing the practical vocabulary and analytical tools for the study of urban conflicts

Evaluation:

Active participation: 30%

Presentation: 30%

Final paper: 40%
Plan – Séances :

The course will be divided into two units. The first unit (14-16\3) will be based on lectures and discussion of the compulsory reading listed in each session. The second unit will focus on students’ presentation of specific topics. Each student will develop her\his final paper accordingly.

Sessions 1, 2: Tuesday March 14 2017. 14:00-17:00

1. Urban conflicts: Theory, Methodology and Critic : Lecture and Discussion


2. Urban Development in Israel: History, Demography and Culture: Lecture and Discussion


Sessions 3, 4: Wednesday March 15 2017. 14:00-17:00

3. Development Towns: Ethnicity, Periphery and Identity: Lecture and Discussion


4. Jewish-Arab Mixed Cities in Israel: Lecture and Discussion


Chapter 2


Sessions 5, 6: Thursday March 16 2017. 09:00-12:00

5. Jerusalem: A Capital Contested City: Lecture and Discussion


6. Tel Aviv-Jaffa: Glocalization and Diversity: Lecture and Discussion


Sessions 7, 8: Tuesday April 4 2017. 14:00-17:00

Migration and Boundaries: Presentations and Discussion


Yacobi H (2011). "Let me go to the City: African asylum seekers, racialization and the politics of space in Israel". Journal of Refugee Studies, 47-68


Sessions 9, 10: Wednesday April 5 2017. 14:00-17:00

Ethnicity, Territory and Protest: Presentations and Discussion


Sessions 11, 12: Thursday April 6 2017. 09:00-12:00

Past and Future: Presentations and Discussion


Bibliographie:


Alfasi, N. and Fenster, T. (2005) 'A Tale of Two Cities: Jerusalem and Tel Aviv-


