



2021-2022

205.1920 – Introduction to Political Philosophy

Semester B

Lecture Time: Sundays 17:15-19:45, Room 608

Practice Lesson Time: Sundays 20:00-21:30, Room 608

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Course Level: BA

Course Type: Mandatory , Lecture

Number of Credits: 4

Course Overview:

The course will present, through a review of influential political philosophers from ancient Greece to the present day what is actually political thought. We will learn how historical events, the personalities of thinkers, and the circumstances and developments they experienced during their lifetime influenced prominent ideas in history. We will understand how the influence of these ideas are expressed today. In each lesson we will discuss issues that are considered classic and timeless in their meaning to our lives and through them we will know how to better build our political views, better examine politics, and substantiate our political claims academically. Through the course we will understand how the connection between political philosophy and the analytical-empirical analysis of politics today is constructed, that is, how political thought is used to explain political events and processes.



Practice Lessons Objectives:

Summarize the content learned in the lecture, practice orientation in the course' materials for the course assignments and presenting the assignments and their requirements. The practice will summarize what is learned in the lecture, practice tasks, add new knowledge and be a platform for answers to questions.

Requirements:

- Presence in the lectures
- Mandatory reading requirement of the reading materials in syllabus

Assessment (Assessment Method and Grade Composition):

- Middle Semester Task - 20%
- Final Task - 80%

Week By Week Content and Reading

Week	Topic	Reading
1	<u>Intelligence, naturalness, and politics</u> Plato: The three human qualities, the desire for an idea and the education of the guards. Aristotle: The talking man and participation in politics.	אפלטון. 1999. הפוליטיאה ו'. בתוך כתבי אפלטון. תל אביב: שוקן. משל האוניה. עמ' 384-385 (9-487) אפלטון. 1999. הפוליטיאה ו'. בתוך כתבי אפלטון. תל אביב: שוקן. משל המערה. עמ' 421-424 (7-514)
2	<u>The good measure and virtu</u> Marcus Tullius Cicero: The Virtues and the Love of the Republic Niccolò Machiavelli: The Ruler and the Government, Evil and the Greatness of the Republic.	מקיוואלי. הנסיך. ירושלים: מרכז שלם.
3	<u>Natural human rights</u> Thomas Hobbes: Whale and the Absolute Sovereign John Locke: Private property	הובס, תומס. 2009. ליוויתן. ירושלים: מרכז שלם. חלק ב' (על המדינה), פרק יח'. עמ' 129-121.
4	<u>Personal and social interest</u> David Day: Compassion and Cultural Society; Skepticism and criticism of public	David Hume.1994. That politics may be reduced to a science. In: Hume Political Essays. Cambridge University Press. Pages 4-15.



	opinion; A Day as a harbinger of conservatism and utilitarianism Adam Smith: The Conscience and the Disappearing Hand.	
5	Institutions and public opinion Montesquieu: Separation of Authorities Fathers of the American Constitution: New Political Science	אלכסנדר המילטון, גיימס מדיסון וג'ון ג'יי. 2001. הפדרליסט. ירושלים: מרכז שלם. מס. 48 (עמ' 250-254), מס. 68 (עמ' 342-345) מס. 69 (עמ' 345-351) אדמונד ברק. 1999. על הרכבו ואופיו של בית מחוקקים ראוי המגן על חירותה של חברה. בתוך: מחשבות על המהפכה הצרפתית. ירושלים: הוצאת שלם. עמ' 52-75.
6	Tradition, desire and ideas in history Russo: The general will and the general will Edmund Barak: A Critique of the French Revolution; The importance of tradition Emanuel Kant: Reason, Freedom of the Individual and Autonomy Hegel: Dialectics, Nationalism and the Modern State	ז'אן ז'אק רוסו. האמנה החברתית. 2006. תל אביב: רסלינג. ספר אי' פרק ו' על הברית החברתית. עמ' 58-60. ספר אי' פרק ז' על הריבון. עמ' 61-63. ספר ג' פרק ג' סיווג ממשלים. עמ' 109-111.
7	Liberalism and parliamentary democracy Benjamin Constant: Balances, Constitutional Monarchy and Liberalism. Alexis Tocqueville: A Critique of American Society, Majority Tyranny, and Democracy vs. Liberalism	Benjamin Constant. 1989. Principles of Politics Applicable to All Representative Governments: On the sovereignty of the people. In: Constant Political Writing. Cambridge University Press. Page. 175-183 אלכסיס טוקוויל. 2008. הדמוקרטיה באמריקה. ירושלים: מרכז שלם. חלק ד' פרקים ג'-ד' (עמ' 739-749) ו-ז' (עמ' 767-776).
8	Utilitarianism Jeremy Bentham: A Positive Sentence John Stuart Mill: General Utilitarianism and Act Utilitarianism; Representative administration Sidwich: The Paradox of Utilitarianism	ג'ון סטיוארט מיל. על החירות. 2006. ירושלים: שלם. פרק אי' מבוא. עמ' 3-19
9	capitalism Karl Marx: Proletariat vs. Working Class; revolution	קרל מרקס ופרידריך אנגלס. 1979. מניפסט המפלגה הקומוניסטית. תל אביב: עיון.
10	Rationality, modernity and charisma Max Weber: The conflicts in rational society and politics, the quality of human life and tragedies. Carl Schmidt: Dictatorship, Charismatic Leader and Fascism.	Max Weber. 1994. The President of the Reich. In: Weber Political Writing. Pages 304-308. חנה ארנדט. 2010. פרק 13- אידיאולוגיה וטרור. בתוך: יסודות הטוטליטריות. בני ברק: הקיבוץ המאוחד. עמ' 675-685.



	Hannah Arendt: A critique of totalitarianism, the element of movement and fear in dictatorship.	
11	<u>Democracy and welfare</u> John Dewey: Pragmatism John Maynard Keynes: The Correction to Capitalism	
12	<u>neo liberalism</u> Walter Lipman: Expertise and the Rule of Law Friedrich Hayek: The problem of knowledge and freedom	פרידריך האייק. הדרך לשעבוד. 1998. ירושלים: שלם. פרק ט': ביטחון וחופש. עמ' 85-94.

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