COURSE DETAIL

RELIGION AND CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST: A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE

Country
Israel

Host Institution
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Program(s)
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Philosophy Near East Studies

UCEAP Course Number
102

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
RELIGION AND CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST: A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE

UCEAP Transcript Title
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UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course focuses on the meaning of "peace" as a classical Jewish value demonstrating the significant differences between it and the modern Western secular model. The course starts with an analysis of the politics of peace in western philosophy, tracing this discourse from the work of Kant to that of contemporary post-critical political philosophers. Students trace similarities between contemporary critiques of Kant and the alternative strategies for peace-making offered in the Jewish tradition. The course studies the meaning of peace in both classical and modern Jewish literature, examining the connection between peace and Messianism and exploring the implications of this connection for Zionist and religious Zionist political thought. Finally, the course examines the different ways in which alternative articulations of peace might suggest entirely new approaches to the challenge of accomplishing peace in today's Middle East after a fashion that enables us to tackle such loaded questions as the sanctity of the holy land, the Temple Mount, etc. This course requires students have completed one course in Jewish Studies, Political Philosophy, Middle East Studies, or International Relations as a prerequisite.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
48635

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Rothberg International School

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Jewish Civilization, Religion and History

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