

The Socio-economic Aspects of Welfare State Policy in Israel

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Syllabus

The course will deal with the socio-economic aspects of welfare state policy on the basis of current data regarding the trends emerging in developed countries, including Israel. The course will focus on structural changes in the labor market and the effect of globalization on economic and social policy. The following issues will receive special attention: implications of Israel's *National Health Insurance Law (1995)*, pension arrangements, universality versus selectivity as transfer payment eligibility criteria, income distribution and poverty as well as migrant labor.

Grading: The score received in the final examination will determine 100% of the final grade.

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7. Ram, U. 2004. Social Class in Israel: Globalization and Social Structure. In: I. Herzog and R. Nathanson (Eds.), *What is the Answer? Economic and Social Solutions for an Economy in Crisis*. Tel Aviv: The Israeli Institute for Economic and Social Research, 230-256. (Hebrew)
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7. Swirsky, B. 2004. Women and the State Budget. In: I. Herzog and R. Nathanson (Eds.), *What is the Answer? Economic and Social Solutions for an Economy in Crisis*. Tel Aviv: The Israeli Institute for Economic and Social Research, 107-126. (Hebrew)

III. Health Systems and Health Policy

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2. Sadka, E. 1994. The Crisis in Pension Funds. *The Economic Quarterly*. (Hebrew)

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4. Cohen, A. 1999. Thai Workers in Israel's Agricultural Industry. In: R. Nathanson and L. Achdut (Eds.), *New Workers from Foreign Workers in Israel*. Tel Aviv: Kav Adom and Hakibbutz Hameuchad. (Hebrew)
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