Preliminary course syllabus

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Name of the course: Anti-Semitism and xenophobia

Time of delivery: Fall 2018

Course level: MA

Type of course: Seminar

Department: Corvinus University of Budapest, Department of Political Science

English course for Hungarian and international students at Corvinus

Course description:

The course will introduce the theoretical and empirical research experience of anti-Semitism and xenophobia. On the one hand, anti-Semitism is a unique phenomenon with its own reasons and peculiarities, on the other hand, it is many times a mere manifestation of wider xenophobic attitudes. Thus, the course will propose a joint theoretical and empirical framework. First, it will introduce the theoretical and historical background of anti-Semitism, by reviewing classic works. Second, the course shall discuss modern anti-Semitism and its manifestations: anti-Semitism in Christian and Muslim countries will be covered. Third, the course will touch upon the methodological dilemmas of Anti-Semitism: how can it be measured? By the end of the course, student will need to present their own empirical case study about anti-Semitism.

Objectives:

To equip students with the necessary theoretical and empirical knowledge to start their own research on the field of anti-Semitism and prejudice. The main goal is to spark their interest.

Weekly Themes

1. Introduction, discussion of course requirements, etc.
2. Jewish History
4. Classic theories of xenophobia
5. Classic theories of anti-Semitism
6. History of the Hungarian Jewry
7. Modern anti-Semitism and its manifestations
8. Anti-semitism in Muslim countries
9. Methodological dilemmas 1 (Survey-research)
10. Methodological dilemmas 2 (Experimental research)
11-14. Cases studies

Assessment, evaluation:

50 points will be given based on the evaluation of the assignments (case studies)

50 points will be given at the oral exam by the end of the course

Readings:


Sartre, Jean-Paul: *Anti-Semitism and the Jew. An Exploration of the Etiology of Hate*.
