

Cluster Courses Spring 2022

The Multifaceted Israel and Jerusalem

Some say that Israel is the center of the universe. Others say that Israel is a small place that makes a lot of noise. Yet, both approaches will agree that Israel is an amazing lab for studying the interface between history, politics, and the environment. The aim of this cluster of courses is to explore the many aspects of Israel and, in particular, Jerusalem from a critical perspective – a perspective that ask questions that we are often reluctant to tackle. For example, how did certain communities become excluded from Israeli society and how can they be brought back on board? What is the future urban and environmental landscape of Israel given the scarcity of land and the high birth rate? How can and should activism shape Israel’s landscape? How can resources be justly allocated between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel? All the courses in this cluster will involve field trips coupled with deep theoretical thinking aimed to connect theory and practice. The cluster is open to international students who are looking to interact with Israeli students and seek answers to uncomfortable questions.

GEOGRAPHY CLUSTER COURSES

Course name	Duration
The Technological Infrastructure of Cities	13 weeks
Telling Space: walking contemporary Jerusalem	13 weeks
Urban planning in the global south	13 weeks
The transition to a low carbon society	13 weeks
Urban and Regional Growth: From Theory to Practice	13 weeks
Urban Sociology – Learning from Israeli Cities	13 weeks
Holy Ecology: Environmental Aspects of Contemporary Jerusalem	13 weeks

* All above-listed courses are offered at the B.A. level.