

# HUJI Visiting Faculty Course on State and Society from Mandate Palestine to Present day Israel by



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Dr. Yael Berda is currently an assistant professor at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Hebrew University. She was Academy Scholar at the Harvard Academy for international and regional studies at Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University 2015-2017. She received her Ph.D. from Princeton University; MA from Tel Aviv University and LLB from Hebrew University Faculty of Law. Berda was a practicing Human rights lawyer, representing in the military, district and Supreme courts in Israel. She has been continuously engaged in the public debate in Israel on issues of social justice, security, and rights. Her second book "Living Emergency: Israel's permit regime in the occupied West Bank" was published in 2017 with Stanford University Press. Berda is working on a book manuscript entitled: "The File and the Checkpoint: Race and Administrative memory in the former British Empire Israel, India & Cyprus". Berda teaches sociology of law, bureaucracy and the state, race and racism and sociology of empires. She is particularly interested in the intersections of law, race, and security in divided societies. She previously taught courses at Hebrew University and Harvard University.

**Course Credits: 2; Course Assignment: 2,500 words essay (submission date: 21 March, 2019)**

**Course outline:** *This condensed course offers a set of concepts and skills for students who wish to learn more about the infrastructure of Israeli state and society and the main axes of power, social capital, economic development, and territorial disputes. Reading a wide range of critical scholarship, we will investigate the less known dilemmas and contours of Israeli society - inter-ethnic divides, the inheritance of the fight against the British, the ways the conflict and occupation of Palestinian lands shape the economy, and the way culture and religion influence Israeli politics. We will also focus on the legacy of British law and bureaucracy and how it continues to shape Israeli state and society.*

Duration: 10-19 February 2019

Wednesday: 6:40pm -9:40pm (Classroom No. 58, T1, Central Block, 3rd Floor via lift)

Thursday: 6:00pm -9:00pm (Classroom No. 56, T1, Central Block, 3rd Floor via lift)