LEGISIATION AND POLITICS in Israel

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Course Objectives:

- 1. Study the Essence and the Importance of Legislation
- 2. Learn the Politics, Strategic and tactics in Legislation
- 3. Follow Legislation closely by taking part in a Simulation of Legislation

Course requirements:

- 1. Active participation in classroom discussions 10%
- 2. Present a Law Proposal/ an Article 20%
- 3. Final paper about one of the topics of the Course (10 pages) 70%

Basic Reading:

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Part 1: The Essence and the Importance of Legislation

- Week 1. Why It's so Important? -The Law as a basic stone in the democrat system.
- 1.b The Israeli Politics System The National Government Institutions
- Week 2: The Development of the Vision and the legal Situation in Israel: The Deceleration of Independence;
- 2.b The Lack of Constitution in Israel.
- Week 3: Who is the Legislate Initiative-The government? The private Parliament member? The private Parliament member as an Legislative Initiator
- 3.b How Comes the Ideas? The Origins of the Parliamentary Bills

Week 4: What is the spirit of the bills? - The Values Dimension of the laws 4.b The Basic laws in Israel

Part 2: Politics, Strategic and tactics in Legislation

Week 5: How does a bill Pass? - The procedure of the Privet Legislation

5.b. How to build networks? – The Networking of the Political Actors in the Legislation Act

Week 6: How to Succeed? -The Strategies of the MP vs. Government

6.b. How to Build the Power? - MPs and the Advocacy Coalitions

Week 7. How to win? - MPs winning Strategies with their colleges

7.b. How to Influence? - The Rhetoric strategy

Part 3: The Contest of Legislation

Week 8: legislation and Gender

Week 9: Religious and Secular Legislation Sum: Simulation of Legislation

Week 10: To Prepare and to present a new bill, to put on the table of the Representative house

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