

Sociological Perspectives on Israeli Society

Soc. 179

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Fulfills elective requirement for CMES major (with advisor's approval), Sociology major, and Jewish Studies Minor

In recent decades, Israeli society has undergone significant demographic, economic, and political transformations that have re-shaped its socio-cultural landscape. In this seminar we will discuss how these processes, including the move toward a neoliberal economy, massive immigration from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia, the arrival of migrant workers, and increasing political polarization, have affected Israel's stratification system and institutions. Using insights from various sociological approaches, special attention will be dedicated to the issue of how features and dynamics of Israeli society reflect broader global trends. This seminar is designed for students interested in gaining critical knowledge about contemporary Israeli society and an in-depth understanding of the ethnic, religious, and political cleavages that characterize it.