

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : IR 553	Course Title : International Social Movements
Required / Elective : elective	Pre / Co-requisites : -
Catalog Description: The role of social movements in bringing about social change in the context of globalism. Identity movements in the West since 1960s. Particular focus on the recent development of a global civil society which also includes Third World Countries. Anti-authoritarian, anti –globalist, trade unionist and pro-social justice movements in the developing countries.	Textbook / Required Material : Readings on Social Movements: Origins, Dynamics, and Outcomes Edited by Doug McAdam and David Snow (2009)
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 7 ECTS	
Extended Description: The class highlights the social base of politics and shows how societies influence politics. Social movements enable an important channel of representation outside of the mainstream, electoral politics. Students will learn that well organized social groups who employ right strategies to mobilize resources can change political outcomes. The class will cover a number of successful and unsuccessful examples of social movements which developed as a reaction to political problems and aimed to improve political life.	
Design content : n/a	Computer usage: not required
<p>Course Outcomes: By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about channels for representation outside of electoral politics • Grasp the importance of the social base for politics • Learn about important social movement theories • Understand which mobilization strategies are more successful in different contexts • Connect course material to outside world 	
Teaching methods: Lectures, class discussion, videotapes/slides	
Course Outline	
Week	Topics
1	Introduction
2	Part 1: Emergence of Social Movements: Facilitating Conditions
3	Disruption
4	Political Opportunities
5	Resources
6	Facilitative Spaces/Space of Contention
7	Part 2: Micromobilization
8	Social Networks

9	Framing
10	Social Psychology of Participation
11	Part 3: Movement Dynamics
12	Strategies
13	Intra and Extra Movement Dynamics
14	Part 3: Do Movements Matter?
15	Impact of Social Movements

Assessment methods:

Class participation: 10%

Quizzes: 30%

Take-home essay: 15%

Final exam: 45%

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
MIR1	Possess in-depth knowledge about the fundamental concepts and theories of the discipline of International Relations		X			
MIR2	Be aware of the theoretical approaches related to the issues of the system, nation-state, institutions, culture, and power in world politics				X	
MIR3	Follow closely the contemporary world conjuncture					X
MIR4	Be able to question the well-established knowledge and causal relationships in the field of International Relations		X			
MIR5	Be aware of the shortcomings and gaps in the International Relations literature and be able to carry out research that addresses these gaps and shortcomings		X			
MIR6	Comprehend various scientific research methods and be able to use these methods effectively		X			

MIR7	Be able to produce an original, scientific study in the field of International Relations		X			
MIR8	Be able to think independently, creatively, and critically					X
MIR9	Embrace work ethics and behave accordingly				X	
MIR10	Be open-minded towards new phenomena that emerge in world politics and the politics of states					X
MIR11	Have self confidence and acquire the ability to deliver presentations in public					X
MIR12	Be able to work together with individuals from different cultures, beliefs, and opinions					X

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading	95 hrs
Lectures and discussions	40 hrs
Written assignment	30 hrs
Examinations	10 hrs
TOTAL	175hrs (25X7) 7 ECTS

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