Cultural Pluralism or Multiculturalism: A Socio-psychological Perspective
Course number: 34601

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The course will address aspects of pluralism and multiculturalism from a socio-psychological perspective. We will focus on various kinds of minorities in contemporary Israel society – immigrants ("Olim"), Palestinian Arabs, Israeli Druze, and others. We will analyze the complexity of biculturalism, and its relationship with psychological and socio-cultural adaptation. Finally, the DOPA model will we presented, as a conceptual and methodological tool for the mapping and measurement of perceptions and orientations toward cultural diversity in educational contexts.

Requirements
Participation 10%
Mid-term essay 20%
Final assignment 70%

Main topics
1. Introduction – Conceptual and empirical frameworks
2. Diversity in Israel – major divisions
3. Expanding the acculturation models
4. Special acculturating groups: Palestinian Arabs in Israel; The Israeli Druze; Ethiopian immigrants in Israel, “Foreign workers” in Israel
5. Multiculturalism and conflict resolution in Israel
6. Diversity and multiculturalism in Israeli schools: The School Acculturative Context; the DOPA model; Counseling immigrants in Israeli schools

Readings


