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## Introduction to Israeli Law and Society: Ancient Peoples and Newcomers in the Start-up Nation

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May 6 – May 23, 2013

50 Academic Hours, 4 Academic Credits

### DRAFT SEMINAR SYLLABUS

#### Seminar Description and Objectives

The three-week seminar aims to provide Canadian business and law students with an overview of the contemporary Israeli legal system, while enabling them to discover the major social and economic challenges that Israel has grappled with in recent years. The first week of the seminar will include introductory classes designed to provide knowledge of the basic concepts and institutional framework of Israeli law and government and Israel's high-tech economy. Classes during the remainder of the seminar will focus on more specific issues. They will feature guest lectures by leading academics and experienced practitioners, who will supply students with information on the latest developments in their fields of expertise. Specific areas of study will include: Israel as the start up nation; the rise of Israel as a world leader in high-tech innovation; and the challenges of integrating immigrants from Ethiopia, non-Jewish refugees from places like Eritrea and Darfur and various Arab minority groups into the mainstream economy. Areas of academic interest covered by various aspects of the program include business law, immigrant and refugee law, human rights law, and international trade law.

In the course of the program, students will also participate in field trips to sites such as the Supreme Court of Israel and the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum and visit the offices of such international business enterprises as Mobileye and Jerusalem Venture Partners.

### **Assessment**

Students are required to take a four-hour exam at the end of the seminar. The grade for the seminar will be determined on the basis of the final exam only.

Class attendance and participation in field trips is mandatory. Students who do not regularly attend class will not receive credit for the course.

### **Readings**

The seminar is conducted exclusively in English; proficiency in spoken or written Hebrew is not a prerequisite for participation in the program. Israeli statutes and Supreme Court decisions relevant to the Israeli legal texts and judicial decisions discussed in class are often available online in English translation. The list of scholarly articles compiled for the seminar summarizes, in English, leading court cases and legal doctrines.

An online site administered by the International Rothberg School is available to enable easy interaction between students and the academic coordinator throughout the course of the program. By accessing the site, students will be able to obtain general information and announcements about the program. Background material and course readings will be posted online in the period leading up to the seminar, so as to give students the opportunity to familiarize themselves in advance with the various topics addressed in the course of the program.

### **Course Outline**

#### **Sunday, May 5, 2013**

- Financial Registration
- Campus Tour
- Orientation
- Setting Up Computer Account

**Monday, May 6, 2013 (11:15-12:45; 13:15-14:45)**

1. **Introduction to Israel as a Society and State (4 hrs)**

Guest speaker: Dr. David Mendelsson, head of Israel Studies at the **Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion** in Jerusalem

**Monday, May 6, 2013 (16:30-18:00)**

2. **Historical Background and Sources of Israeli Law (2 hrs)**

**Tuesday May 7, 2013 (8:30-10:00; 10:30-12:00)**

3. **The Israeli Court System (2 hrs)**

4. **The Process of Judicial Review (2hrs)**

**Tuesday May 7, 2013 (12:00-15:00): FIELD TRIP – SUPREME COURT**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2013 (8:00-9:30)**

5. **The Constitutional Revolution and the Protection of Individual Rights in Israeli Law (2hrs)**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2013 (10:00-11:30)**

6. **The Rise of the Israeli Knowledge Economy and the Challenges Ahead (2 hrs)**

Guest speaker: David Rosenberg, business journalist and author of *Israel: The Knowledge Economy and its Costs* (Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming 2013).

**Wednesday May 8, 2013 (13:00-16:00): FIELD TRIP – JERUSALEM VENTURE PARTNERS**

**Thursday May 9, 2013 (9:00-10:30)**

7. **Restraints on Market Competition in the Israeli Economy (2 hrs)**

Guest speaker: Dr. Hadas Aharoni Barak, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Thursday May 9, 2013 (10:45-12:15)**

8. **Water Management and Israeli-Palestinian Cooperation: THE KIDRON VALLEY / WADINAR BASIN MASTER PLAN (2hrs)**

Guest speaker: Professor Richard Laster, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Thursday May 9, 2013 (13:00-16:30)**

9. **Human Rights and the Constitutional Limits on Privatization in Israeli Law (2hrs)**
10. **The Israeli Electoral System and the Relationship Between the Executive and Legislative Branches (2hrs)**

**Sunday, May 12, 2013 (10:00-11:30)**

11. **The Protection of Minority Rights and the Integration of Ethiopian Jews in Israel (2hrs)**

Guest speaker: Itzik Dessie, Adv. Head of *Tebeka*: Legal Aid Organization for Ethiopian-Israelis

**Sunday, May 12, 2013 (11:45-13:15)**

12. **Israel as a Start-Up Nation (2hrs)**

Guest speaker: Avner Halperin, CEO of *EarlySense* and Adjunct Lecturer, Rothberg International School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**Sunday May 12, 2013 (14:00-17:30)**

13. **The Right to Equality and the Arab Minority in Israel (4hrs)**

**Monday, May 13, 2013 (8:30-11:45)**

14. **International Trade Law (4hrs)**

Guest speaker: Dr. Guy Harpaz, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**Monday, May 13, 2013 (16:00-18:00): FIELD TRIP - MOBILEYE**

**Tuesday-Wednesday May 14 and 15, 2013: SHAVUOT – NO CLASS**

**Thursday May 16, 2013 (11:00-12:30)**

15. **The Right to Equality and the Arab Minority in Israel (4hrs)**

Guest speaker: Yael Kohn Sharon, Head of Kav Mashve, Employers' Coalition for Equality for Arab University Graduates.

**Thursday May 16, 2013 (13:30-15:00)**

Guest speaker: Aiman Saif, Head of the Authority for the Economic Development of the Arab, Druze and Circassian Sectors, Prime Minister's Office

**Sunday May 19, 2013 (8:30-11:45: 12:30-14:00)**

16. **The Right to Equality and the Military Draft Deferment for Ultra-Orthodox Jews (4hrs)**
17. **Integrating the Ultra-Orthodox Community into Israeli Economy and Society and Economy (2hrs)**

Guest speaker: Gilad Malach, School for Public Policy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**Monday May 20, 2013 (10:00-11:30)**

18. **Immigration and Refugee Law in Israel: Current Challenges and Responses (2 hrs)**

Guest speaker: Joel Yossef Moss, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, former member of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.

**Monday May 20, 2013 (12:00 – 15:00): FIELD TRIP – YAD VASHEM HOLOCAUST MUSEUM**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2013 (8:30-11:45; 12:30-14:00)**

**Legal Aspects of Countering Terrorism (6 hrs)**

Guest speaker: Amos Guiora (2hrs), S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah

**Wednesday, May 22, 2013 – STUDY DAY – NO CLASS**

**Thursday May 23, 2013 (12:30-16:30) – FINAL EXAM**