International Multidisciplinary Program   
in the Humanities

**DEvelopmental Psychology**

Lecture course

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3 credits

Day(s) and time Monday 10:00-14:00

Office hours: by appointment

**Course Description**

Developmental psychology investigates how the human mind develops throughout the lifespan. This psychology course will examine how babies, children and adults develop the ability to function in the world, how they attach to others and how they communicate and think about their environment.

In this course we will learn about the concept of "development" and about various psychological theories of development; we will also learn about the biological foundations of psychological development and about different stages of cognitive, emotional and social human development. In the last part of this course we will study the development of gender and we will also learn about various environmental factors (like traumatic events) which affect normal development.

**Assessment**

Minor assignments:

A short (10-minute) oral presentation is optional in this course (bonus 5%).

Mid Term:

Short paper - mandatory. (20%)

Final requirement:

Take-home exam - mandatory. (65%) Mo’ed A’ 7.7.19, Mo’ed B’ 12.8.19

Participation:

Attendance (10%).

Meaningful participation (5%).

**Schedule**

4.3.2019 Developmental Psychology – Basic concepts and principles

* Slater, A. and Bremner, J. Gavin (Eds.). *An Introduction to Developmental Psychology.* Hoboken, NJ: The British Psychological Society and John Wiley & Sons Ltd, 2017, pp. 41-78 (Chapter 2)
* Watts, J., Cockcroft K., and Duncan, N. (Eds.). *Developmental Psychology.* Claremont, South Africa: Juta & Company Ltd, 2015, pp. 5-20 (Chapter 1)

11.3.2019 Emotional Development and Attachment Relationships

* Slater, A. and Bremner, J. Gavin (Eds.). *An Introduction to Developmental Psychology*. Hoboken, NJ: The British Psychological Society and John Wiley & Sons Ltd, 2017, pp. 183-212 (Chapter 6)

18.3.2019 The Development of Self and Gender

* Slater, A. and Bremner, J. Gavin (Eds.). *An Introduction to Developmental Psychology.* Hoboken, NJ: The British Psychological Society and John Wiley & Sons Ltd, 2017, pp. 259-302 (Chapter 8)
* Watts, J., Cockcroft K., and Duncan, N. (Eds.). *Developmental Psychology.* Claremont, South Africa: Juta & Company Ltd, 2015, pp. 600-618 (Chapter 29)

25.3.2019 The Development of Language

* Slater, A. and Bremner, J. Gavin (Eds.). *An Introduction to Developmental Psychology.* (2017). Hoboken, NJ: The British Psychological Society and John Wiley & Sons Ltd, pp. 341-380 (Chapter 10)

1.4.2019 Play and the Beginning of Peer Relationships

* Slater, A. and Bremner, J. Gavin (Eds.). *An Introduction to Developmental Psychology.* (2017). Hoboken, NJ: The British Psychological Society and John Wiley & Sons Ltd, pp. 477-510 (Chapter 14)

8.4.2019 Psychoanalytic approaches to development – I (Freud, Klein, Bion)

* Watts, J., Cockcroft K., and Duncan, N. (Eds.). *Developmental Psychology.* Claremont, South Africa: Juta & Company Ltd, 2015, pp. 37-87, 112-137 (Chapters 3, 4, 6)

29.4.2019 Psychoanalytic approaches to development – II (Fairbairn, Winnicott, Kohut)

* Watts, J., Cockcroft K., and Duncan, N. (Eds.). *Developmental Psychology.* Claremont, South Africa: Juta & Company Ltd, 2015, pp. 88-111, 138-152, 183-214 (Chapters 5, 7, 9)

6.5.2019 Social Development in Adolescence

* Slater, A. and Bremner, J. Gavin (Eds.). *An Introduction to Developmental Psychology.* Hoboken, NJ: The British Psychological Society and John Wiley & Sons Ltd, 2017, pp. 577-610 (Chapter 17)

13.5.2019 The effects of trauma on development

* Watts, J., Cockcroft K., and Duncan, N. (Eds.). *Developmental Psychology.* Claremont, South Africa: Juta & Company Ltd, 2015, pp. 539-562 (Chapter 26)
* Fraiberg, S., Adelson, E., and Shapiro, V. (1975). "Ghosts in the Nursery – A Psychoanalytic Approach to the Problems of Impaired Infant-Mother Relationships". *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 14(3),* pp. 387-421.
* Pat-Horenczyk, R. (2005). "Post-traumatic Distress in Israeli Adolescents Exposed to Ongoing Terrorism ". *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma, 9:3-4,* 335-347.
* Sagi-Schwartz, A. (2008). "The well being of children living in chronic war zones: The Palestinian-Israeli case". *International Journal of Behavioral Development, 32(4),* 322-336.

20.5.2019 Critical issues in developmental psychology

* Watts, J., Cockcroft K., and Duncan, N. (Eds.). *Developmental Psychology.* Claremont, South Africa: Juta & Company Ltd, 2015, pp. 563-585 (Chapter 27)

This schedule is tentative and may change as the course progresses.

**Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three unexcused absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.

**Academic conduct**

Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else’s work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.

Additional requirements:

Please keep phones turned-off while in class.

**Bibliography**

Fraiberg, S., Adelson, E., and Shapiro, V. (1975). "Ghosts in the Nursery – A Psychoanalytic Approach to the Problems of Impaired Infant-Mother Relationships". *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 14(3),* 387-421.

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