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Social Inequality: Conflict and Consensus
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This course is designed to explore social inequality; assimilate its various interpretations and engage in field research on aspects of it in specific social relations. Seminars will be organized around the following topics: i) the main theoretical and conceptual approaches to social inequality; ii) social inequality and class; iii) social inequality and gender; iv) social inequality and social status; v) social inequality and poverty; vi) social inequality and political power.

The reading material for the course will include a reading package in addition to assigned books.

Conduct
Participants in this discussion and interactive seminar are expected to present, discuss and critically assimilate the required reading material, present a book report and produce a term paper based mainly on field research on aspects of social inequality in Lebanon and elsewhere if/when applicable.

Evaluation:
Evaluation will be based on class attendance and the students’ performance (10%), a book report of 5-8 pages, orally presented in class and delivered in printed form (15%) and a term paper (75%) of 10-15 printed out pages, with a full bibliography.