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RESEARCH

Family Centers for Children with Disabilities: Navigating the Covid-19 Pandemic

An article by Tali-Noy Hindi and Itai Beeri, from the School of Political Sciences, examines how families of children with disabilities managed not only household responsibilities and distance learning, but also intensive care for their children during the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic shifted the therapeutic burden onto parents and families. The researchers illuminate the theory surrounding the development of policies in times of civilian-focused emergencies.

BSF Grant for Resilience to Heat Inequality: A Tale of Two coastal cities

University of Haifa scholars Prof. Tally Katz-Gerro, Prof. Maya Negev, and Dr. Asaf Levanon have been awarded a grant from the US-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) for their project on Equitable Resilience to Heat. Their research aims to assess the impact of community coordination and policy in two coastal cities. To date, the effects of social diversity on



Student Meeting (Credit: Division for Diversity, Inclusion and Community)

heat exposure risks have not been thoroughly investigated, especially concerning households experiencing deprivation and poverty. The University of Haifa researchers plan to address this gap in the existing knowledge.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CPSE take on Food Security

Members of the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Poverty and Social Exclusion wrote a Position paper addressing threats to food security in Israel in the context of democratic backsliding risks for vulnerable groups. The paper highlights concern about maintaining the legitimacy of programs in the public eye and ensuring their

long-term sustainability. It warns that damage to the credibility of official public institutions could disproportionately impact vulnerable populations in need of assistance and disrupt the fragile social fabric of mutual responsibility.

'People's University' Program

The Community Engagement Unit of the Dean of Students Office held an emotional graduation ceremony for the 'People's University' program. This initiative offers introductory courses of medicine, law, and psychology for marginalized populations from the north as a first opportunity to participate in higher education and gain practical and essential knowledge

in an academic environment. The program offers participants practical and essential knowledge within an academic setting, exposes them to the student experience, and fosters dialogue between population groups that rarely interact in Israel.

LEARNING AND STUDENTS

NEW course for aspiring Social Workers

The school of Social Work offers a new course in Financial Management in Families Living in Poverty. The course aims to provide future social workers with essential skills and knowledge to add to their toolkit while working with families experiencing poverty and economic hardship.

Social Struggles and the Growth of the Modern Welfare State

A new course by Dr. Ami Vatouri will explore the development of the modern welfare state through labor struggles and other political conflicts that led to the formation of the Modern Welfare State. The course is taught as part of the Eshcolot program.

OPERATIONS

'Ahavat Olam' Memorable Weekend

Students participating in the 'Ahavat Olam' scholarship program, organized by the Scholarships Unit in the Dean of Students Office, spent a memorable weekend in Jerusalem as part of the scholarship's requirements. The students stayed at a hotel, toured the Western Wall and its tunnels, listened to fascinating lectures, and enjoyed the pleasures of a Shabbat experience.

Writing Marathon for Research Students

The Division for Diversity, Inclusion and Community, in collaboration with the Research Authority, the Bloom Graduate School, and the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Poverty and Social Exclusion, hosted a writing marathon for research students and early-career researchers who are first-generation academics. The writing marathon included time management workshops and sessions to overcome writing barriers, as well as personal consultations aimed at creating a quiet and distraction-free environment conducive to research.



'Ahavat Olam' students visiting Jerusalem (Credit: University of Haifa).