

RULING

1. The defendant is a second-year student of the Master's Program in the History of the Middle East and Africa within the framework of the International Program MAMES. The defendant submitted an assignment in the course "*Selected Topics in the Modern History of the Middle East*", which is taught by Dr. Itamar Radai.
2. On 6 May 2018 the defendant submitted the same work in another course: "**Middle Eastern Societies: Tradition & Modernity**" (1654.4035) – Semester 2018/1.
3. From an investigation that was carried out it emerged that the defendant submitted two more assignments in two separate courses (namely; "**Classical Literature – Part II**" (1654.4030) – Semester 2017/3) and "**Minorities and the State in the Middle East**" (0654.4127)– Semester 2017/2 of which large parts were copied from the work that was submitted to Dr Radai, in the above mentioned course ("*Selected Topics in the Modern History of the Middle East*").
4. According to the Complaint filed by the University, the defendant was deemed to be in violation of sections 29.3 and 29.4 in the (Tel Aviv University) Rules of Discipline.
5. The defendant argued that the instructions were written only in Hebrew and as such she wasn't aware that she was not allowed to submit the same paper in multiple courses. After some discussions between the defendant and counsel for the complainant, the complaint document was amended thus removing section 29.3 that relates fraudulent conduct. During the initial hearing on August 14th, 2019 specifically the defendant admitted through her legal representative, that she had in fact copied her original paper on

three separate occasions or rather course. Thus, the defendant effectively admitted to committing a violation of instructions; (amounting to conduct contrary to section 29.4).

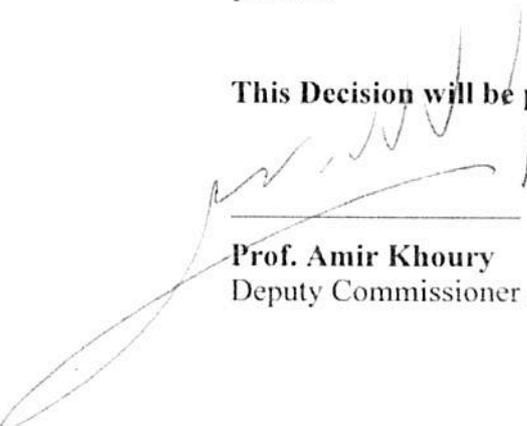
6. The hearing of arguments for sentencing was scheduled December 4th 2019, but the defendant or her counsel did not appear before the court. The hearing was rescheduled for 13th January 2020, and again the defendant or her counsel did not appear before this court. In light of the defendant's admission, and in the light of the fact that the defendant or her counsel failed to appear before this court on two separate occasions, and given that the idea of replicating work is unacceptable in any academic setting, even if no specific instructions were given or were not given in English. I find the defendant guilty. It is worth noting that if the defendant had sought and received an authorization to file the same paper in separate courses, then that would have been a different matter, but the mere act of copying a paper in different courses stands inherently contrary to a student's academic obligations. Consequently, I find the defendant guilty of misconduct contrary to course/exam instructions (amounting to conduct contrary to section 29.4).

7. In light of this, I decree that the defendant be disqualified from the three said courses that are the subject of this complaint; namely:

- "Middle Eastern Societies: Tradition & Modernity" (1654.4035) – Semester 2018/1
- "Classical Literature – Part II " (1654.4030) – Semester 2017/3
- "Minorities and the State in the Middle East" (0654.4127)– Semester 2017/2

Rendered this Wednesday the 5th of February, 2020, in the absence of the parties.

This Decision will be published without mention of the student's name.



Prof. Amir Khoury
Deputy Commissioner of Discipline