

# Brussels-Lux Study Tour 2022

## K-12 Teacher Unit Planning Template

Name: Jason O'Connor		Unit Plan: Weeks of	
		Subject/Grade Level:	
<b>Unit Title:</b>	EU Ban of Kosher and Halal slaughter		
<b>Unit Narrative:</b>	Examine how animal rights advocates have influenced EU laws regarding slaughter and the impact it has had on kosher and halal laws and Jewish and Muslim communities		
<b>Standards:</b>			
<b>Objectives</b>			
→ Students will learn about the role and impact of the European Court of Justice on EU law and minority religious rights			
<b>Big Ideas</b>			
→ <b>Understanding the impact of the European Court of Justice ruling on animal slaughter on the kosher and halal laws and the Jewish and Muslim communities in the European Union</b>			
<b>Essential Questions</b>			
→ What are the main implications of the EU humane slaughter laws on the Jewish and Muslim communities in the European Union?			
→ How does the European Court of Justice compare to the Supreme Court?			
→ To what extent are religious communities and rights within the European Union protected?			
→ How has the European Court of Justice ruling influenced EU law regarding animal slaughter and the larger influence this has had on Jewish and Muslim communities?			
<b>Learning Acquisition and Assessment</b>			
Students will know... (content/concepts)		Students will be able to... (skills, performance tasks)	
→ How EU laws impact religious communities		→ Identify the structure of the EU	
→ How the EU structure compares to the Federal Government in the United States		→ Identify the role of the European Court of Justice	
→ How animal rights advocates impacted religious rights in the EU		→ Identify the size of the Jewish and Muslim community in select European Union	
		→ Identify the secularization of the European Union	
		→ Identify animal rights laws in the EU	
		→ Identify Kosher and Halal laws	
Formative Assessments		Summative Assessments	
→ Create a PowerPoint presentation on the impact of EU policies on the Jewish and Muslim communities			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Write a research 7-10 research paper on the EU laws and its impact on the Jewish and Muslim communities</li> <li>→ Create a documentary on the topic in a specific European Union country</li> </ul>
<b>Learning Activities (1 week – 5 days): Lesson introduction, body, and closing</b>	
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Compare EU structure and the Federal Government in the United States</li> <li>→ Compare the role and influence of the European Court of Justice to the Supreme Court of the United States</li> </ul>
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Examine the secularization of the European Union in specific countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Greece)</li> <li>→ Examine the Jewish and Muslim communities in these respective countries</li> </ul>
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Research kosher and halal slaughter laws as compared to EU slaughter laws</li> <li>→ Research animal rights slaughter advocates particular the Flemish case</li> </ul>
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Research the legal case brought before the European Court of Justice and its implications on the Jewish and Muslim communities in specific countries in the European Union</li> </ul>
Day 5	<p>PowerPoint presentation is due</p> <p>Research paper or documentary due the following week.</p>
<b>Resources and Materials</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ How do European countries differ in religious commitment? <a href="https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/12/05/how-do-european-countries-differ-in-religious-commitment/">https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/12/05/how-do-european-countries-differ-in-religious-commitment/</a></li> <li>→ European Public Opinion Three Decades After the Fall of Communism: <a href="https://www.pewresearch.org/global/2019/10/14/minority-groups/">https://www.pewresearch.org/global/2019/10/14/minority-groups/</a></li> <li>→ Eurogroup for Animals, Slaughter without stunning - 9 Oct 2020 <a href="https://2sjjwunnql41ia7ki31qqub1-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Eurogroup_Slaughter-without-stunning_Global-tables_8Oct2020-v2.pdf">https://2sjjwunnql41ia7ki31qqub1-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Eurogroup_Slaughter-without-stunning_Global-tables_8Oct2020-v2.pdf</a></li> <li>→ EU states can ban kosher and halal ritual slaughter, court rules. <a href="https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-states-can-ban-kosher-and-halal-ritual-slaughter-court-rules/">https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-states-can-ban-kosher-and-halal-ritual-slaughter-court-rules/</a></li> <li>→ Kosher and Halal slaughter ban in Europe restricting religious freedom <a href="https://www.alestiklal.net/en/view/11065/kosher-and-halal-slaughter-ban-in-europe-restricting-religious-freedom">https://www.alestiklal.net/en/view/11065/kosher-and-halal-slaughter-ban-in-europe-restricting-religious-freedom</a></li> <li>→ Top EU Official: religious slaughter bans paint Jews and Muslims as medieval <a href="https://www.politico.eu/article/belgium-paint-jews-muslims-medieval-slaughter-ban-eu-anti-semitism-czar/">https://www.politico.eu/article/belgium-paint-jews-muslims-medieval-slaughter-ban-eu-anti-semitism-czar/</a></li> <li>→ Court of Justice of the European Union Press release December 17, 2020, <a href="https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2020-12/cp200163en.pdf">https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2020-12/cp200163en.pdf</a></li> </ul>	

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→ Judgment of the Court: December 17, 2020

<https://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?jsessionid=96DB169E13E9B51DACAAC116F5056BA3?text=&docid=235717&pageIndex=0&doclang=EN&mode=req&dir=&occ=first&part=1&cid=19233202>

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Reich, Arie and Harpz, Guy, Kosher and Halal Slaughtering Before the European Court of Justice: Voting with Your Trolley Instead of an Outright Ban? (September 6, 2021). Texas International Law Journal, Forthcoming, Bar Ilan University Faculty of Law Research Paper No. 3919929, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3919929>