

History, Politics, and Diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 383-000/POLS 383-000/JS 383-000/MESAS 370-000
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Monday/Wednesday 10:00-11:15am, Anthropology 303

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Course description: This course is an introductory survey of the history, politics and diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli conflict. There are no prerequisites. The first half of the course deals with the historical origins and development of the conflict to the end of the 1947-1949 war. Coverage includes introductions to modern Jewish and Arab histories, evolution of Zionism and Arab nationalism, demise of the Ottoman Empire, and the operation and demise of the British Mandate in Palestine.

The second half of the course focuses on political, social and economic aspects of the conflict, the Cold War in the region, the evolution of Palestinian national identity, and Arab-Israeli wars and clashes from the early 1950s to the present. Considerable time will be devoted to UN, American, and European successes and failures in mediating the conflict and varying effects of Israeli and Palestinian domestic politics and inter-Arab relations upon the conflict. Topics at the end of the course will include coverage of the “Arab Spring,” efforts to delegitimize Israel, the unfolding Iran nuclear question, and prospects and viability of a two-state solution. Reading and analyzing documents, speeches and archival sources are central features of the course. The course is based on 20 sessions of 75 minutes each.

Readings: Documents mentioned in the syllabus and used in class are found in History Politics, and Diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Source Document reader for College Courses and Adult Education, (Atlanta, GA: The Center for Israel Education), Second Edition, June 2015. The book is required for this course and can be purchased at <http://israeled.org/history-politics-diplomacy-arab-israeli-conflict/> For a comprehensive look at all aspects of modern Israel please visit www.israeled.org

Required books assigned for the course can be purchased online from a favorite book seller or at the Emory bookstore.

- Bickerton, Ian and Carla Klausner. A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict (Prentice Hall, Sixth Edition), 2013. (ISBN 0-978-0-205-75338-3) or (ISBN 978-020-596-8138)
- Indinopulos, Thomas, Weathered by Miracles: A History of Palestine from Bonaparte and Muhammed Ali to Ben Gurion and the Mufti, (R. Dee Publishers), 1998. (ISBN 1-56663-269-2)
- Quandt, William B. Peace Process: American Diplomacy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict Since 1967 (Brookings/University of California), Third Edition, 2006. (ISBN 978-05202463170)
- Stein, Kenneth W. Heroic Diplomacy: Sadat, Kissinger, Carter, Begin and the Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace (New York: Routledge), 1999. (ISBN 0-415-92155-4)
- Stein, Kenneth W. and Samuel W. Lewis. Making Peace Among Arabs and Israelis: Lessons from Fifty Years of Negotiating Experience (Washington, DC: U.S. Institute for Peace), 1991. Free and accessible online <http://www.usip.org/publications/making-peace-among-arabs-and-israelis>

- Stein, Kenneth W. History, Politics and Diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Source Document Reader for College Courses and Adult Education (Atlanta, GA: The Center for Israel Education), Second Edition, June 2015. <http://israeled.org/history-politics-diplomacy-arab-israeli-conflict/>

Document numbers listed in the syllabus refer to the e-book History, Politics and Diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Source Document Reader for College Courses and Adult Education which you must have for assignments and in class use. Assigned documents are marked with a **D** and should be read by the Monday **prior** to its notation on the syllabus.

Articles noted with an asterisk () can be accessed at <http://ismi.emory.edu/home/383.html> or the link provided.

Please note that during the semester on-line articles that focus on a variety of contemporary issues that directly or indirectly impact the Arab-Israeli conflict will be made available to you via e-mail.

Grading: Midterm - October 14 (40%) and Final - December 14, 2015 (60%). No term papers are required in this course.

2015 Examinations: The midterm examination will be given on *Wednesday, October 14, 2015, in Anthropology Building 303.*

The final examination will be given on *Monday, December 14, 2015, 3:00-5:30pm, in Anthropology Building 303.*

There will be **NO** make-up examinations, unless a student has a written letter from the College Office.

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COURSE SYLLABUS

No classes will be held on the following days because they are national holidays, Emory vacation days, or religious holidays:

Monday, September 7, Labor Day
Monday, September 14, Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 23, Yom Kippur
Monday, October 12, Fall Break

August 26, August 31 and September 2 - Origins of the Conflict and Political Cultures
August 26 - Course Introduction and Background to the Middle East
August 31 - The Setting in Palestine - Politics, Economics, and Society
September 2 - Zionism and Arab Nationalism in Pre- and Post-World War I

Readings: Bickerton and Klausner (B&K), pp. 1-44; Indinopulos, pp. 1-122.

*Mandel, Neville J. "Ottoman Policy and Restrictions on Jewish Settlement in Palestine: 1881-1908 Part I," Middle Eastern Studies (October 1974), pp. 312-332.

*Dawn, Ernest. "The Rise of Arabism in Syria," Middle East Journal (1961), pp. 145-168.

*Hourani, Albert. "Ottoman Reform and Politics of Notables," Beginning of Modernization in the Middle East (1968), pp. 41-68.

*Kolatt, Israel. "The Organization of the Jewish Population of Palestine and the Development of its Political Consciousness Before World War I," Studies in Palestine During the Ottoman Period (Jerusalem: Magnes Press), 1975, pp. 211-245.

Map 1 Modern Middle East, Today

Map 2 Ottoman Empire, 1914

D 14 Working Class Conditions in Greater Syria, 1838 and 1873

D 15 Jewish Situation in Russia, 1893

September 7 - Labor Day *no classes*

September 9 -Great Powers, Zionists and Arabs, 1898-1922

Map 2 Ottoman Empire, 1914

D 16 The Jewish Question/the Jewish State 1896

D 20 Husayn-MacMahon, October 1915

D 21 Sykes-Picot, May 1916

D 22 Balfour Declaration, November 1917

D 25 (Zionists) Concerning the Arab Question, 1919-1920

Week of September 14 - The Palestine Mandate, 1920-1939 (Part 1)

September 14 - Arab, British, Jewish Triangle (*class will be rescheduled*)

September 16 - The Land Question in Palestine

Readings: B&K, pp. 44-67; Indinopulos, pp. 123-190.

*Horowitz, Dan, and Moshe Lissak. "Ideology and Politics in the Yishuv," The Jerusalem Quarterly (Winter 1977), pp. 12-26.

*Kolatt, Israel. "The Zionist Movement and the Arabs," Studies in Zionism (April 1982), pp. 129-157.

*Mattar, Philip. "The Mufti of Jerusalem and the Politics of Palestine," Middle East Journal 42:2 (Spring 1988), pp. 227-240.

*Nashif, Taysir. "Palestinian Arab and Jewish Leadership in the Mandate Period," Journal of Palestine Studies 6 (1977), pp. 113-121.

*Porath, Yehoshua. "Social Aspects of the Emergence of the Palestinian Arab National Movement," in Menachem Milson (ed.) Society and Political Structure in the Arab World (Jerusalem, Van Leer Foundation), 1973, pp. 93-144.

*Stein, Kenneth W. "Palestine's Rural Economy, 1917-1939," Studies in Zionism 8:1 (1987), pp. 25-49.

Map 3 Transjordan Separated from Palestine, 1921

D 23 "The Relationship of the Jews to the Arabs," *Der Jude*, Arthur Rupp

D 26 Weizmann-Feisal Agreement, January 1919

D 28 (British) Mandate for Palestine, July 1922

D 30 Arab Peasant Indebtedness, February 1930

D 31 Zirin Village Land Sales, August 1930

D 32 Zirin Village Land Sales, September 1930

D 33 Zirin Village Land Sales, October 1930

D36 Land Matters, Mr. Heinrich Margalith, Anglo-Palestine Bank to the Jewish Agency

D37 Arab Memorandum Handed to the High Commissioner for Palestine, 1935

D39 Peel Commission Report, Findings and Recommendations of the Royal Commission,

D41 Political Significance of Land Purchase,” Keren Kayemeth Liyisrael [JNF], 1937
D42 Arab Offers to Sell Lands to Jews (1931-1948)

Week of September 21 - The Palestine Mandate, 1939 - 1948 (Part 2)

September 21 - Was there a Jewish State in 1939? What did the Palestinians know?

September 23 - Palestinian and Arab politics in the 1940s (*class will be rescheduled*)

Readings: B&K, pp. 68-115; Indinopulos, pp. 191-246.

*Bickerton, Ian J. “President Truman’s Recognition of Israel,” American Jewish Historical Quarterly 58 (1968), pp. 173-189; 192-259.

*Cohen, Michael J. “Truman, the Holocaust, and the Establishment of the State of Israel,” The Jerusalem Quarterly 23 (Spring 1982), pp. 79-94.

*Khalaf, Issa. "The Reasons for the Disintegration of Palestinian Society with an Emphasis on the Persistence of Factionalism," Politics in Palestine (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1991), pp. 231-248.

*Shapira, Anita. “Conclusion: The Birth of the State,” Land and Power: The Zionist Resort to Force, 1881-1948 (Oxford University Press, 1992), pp. 353-370; 414-415.

*Shapira, Anita. “History, Memory, and Identity,” in Stuart A. Cohen and Milton Shain (eds.), Israel Culture, Religion, and Society, 1948-1998 (Bar-Ilan University, 2000), pp. 6-22.

*Sheffer, Gabriel. "Involvement of Arab States in Palestine Conflict and British Arab Relationship Before World War II," Asian and African Studies (1974), pp. 59-78.

D 45 Arab Leaders Meeting in Damascus, 1938

D 46 Palestine Arab Economy – Jewish Agency Analysis, 1939

D 47 Mufti Hajj Amin al-Husayni Decision to Reject the 1939 White Paper, 1939

D 48 HMG (McDonald) White Paper, 1939

D 50 The Biltmore Program, 1942

D 51 Mufti Hajj Amin al-Husayni in Berlin, 1943

D 52 Partition is the Only Answer, 1944

D 53 Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s Remarks Regarding Zionism, Immigration, 1944

D 56 Moshe Sharett, “Let My People Go,” 1945

D 57 Earl G. Harrison Report on Displaced Persons, 1945

D 58 Arab Case for Palestine, 1946

Week of September 28 - The End of the Mandate, Armistice Negotiations, Israeli Nation-Building, and Emergence of the Palestinian Arab National Movement

September 28 – The 1948 War, the Refugees and Absorption of Jews from Arab Lands

September 30 - Whose History, Whose Narrative, How the Story is Told and Received

Readings:

* Khalaf, Issa. "The Effect of Socio-Economic Change on Arab societal Collapse in Mandate Palestine," International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies 29 (1997), pp. 93-112.

*Khalidi, Rashid. "The Palestinians and 1948: the Underlying Causes of Failure," in Eugene L. Rogan and Avi Shlaim (eds.), The War for Palestine: Rewriting the History of 1948 (Cambridge University Press, 2001), pp. 12-36.

*Morris, Benny. "Origins of the Palestinian Refugee Problem," in Laurence J. Silberstein (ed.), New Perspectives on Jewish Studies (New York: New York University Press, 1991), pp. 42-56.

*Teveth, Shabtai. "The Palestine Arab Refugee Problem and its Origin," Middle Eastern Studies 26:2 (April 1990), pp. 214-249.

Map 10

D61 The Truman Doctrine, 1947

D62 USSR Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Andrei Gromyko on Partition, 1947

D65 Remarks by Abdulrahman Azzam Pasha on Partition, 1947

D66 Arab Reaction to the UN Special Committee on Palestine, 1947

D67 Zionist Attitude to the UN Special Committee on Palestine [UNSCOP], 1947

D68 UN General Assembly Resolution 181 Partition Plan, 1947

D69 Memorandum on Palestine, Policy Planning Staff to the Secretary of State, 1947

D74 Israel Declaration of Independence, 1948

D78 UN General Assembly Resolution 194 Concerning Palestinian Refugees, 1948

D79 Israeli-Egyptian General Armistice Agreement, 1949

Week of October 5 - Great Power Interests in the Middle East; the Cold War, the Suez War and the June 1967 War

October 5 – Arab Politics and the Palestine Question, 1945-1967

October 7 – The Cold War and Prelude to the June War

Readings: B&K, pp. 116-159; Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 1-73; and Quandt, pp. 1-52.

*Safran, Nadav. "America's Israel Connection," The Jerusalem Quarterly (Summer 1977), pp. 3-30.

*Rabinovich, Itamar. "The Suez-Sinai Campaign: The Regional Dimension, " in S. I. Troen and M. Shemesh (eds.), The Suez-Sinai Crisis, 1956: Retrospective and Reappraisal (Columbia University Press), pp. 162-171.

D84 UNRWA] for Palestine Refugees, Government of Canada Memorandum, 1951
D85 Menachem Begin on Whether to Accept Reparations from Germany, 1952
D86 Remarks by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, 1955
D87 Eisenhower Doctrine, Excerpts, 1957
89 Eisenhower White House News Statement on the Suez Crisis, Excerpts, 1957
D90 Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, News Conference on Suez Crisis, 1957
D91 Prime Minister Ben-Gurion Israel Relations with UN and US, 1957
D92 Menachem Begin on Arab Refugees, 1963
D93 PLO National Covenant, 1967

October 12 - *No class Fall Break*

October 14- MIDTERM

Please bring two blue books, do not write in or on the book prior to class.

Week of October 19- Attempted and Failed Diplomacy, 1967-1973

October 19 – United Nations Resolution 242

October 21 – Political Conceptions and Prelude to the 1973 War

Readings: B&K, pp. 160-171; Quandt, pp. 55-129.

*Ajami, Fouad. "The End of Pan-Arabism," Foreign Affairs (Winter 1978-1979), pp. 355-373.

D97 Five Principles of Peace, U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1967

D98 Israel's Alon Plan for the Future of the Territories, 1967

D100 Arab League Summit Resolutions, Khartoum, 1967

D102 UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 242, 1967

D103 PLO Rejecting UN Resolution 242, 1967

D110 Israeli Knesset Rejects of Jordan's United Arab Kingdom Plan, 1972

D111 Palestine National Council (PLO), Political Program, 1973

D112 The "Galili Plan" Statement by the Israeli Labor Party on Settlements, 1973

Week of October 26 - The October 1973 War, Beginning Successful Diplomacy

October 26 - Sadat: the Engine of a Diplomatic Option

October 28 - Disengagement Agreements, Promises, and the Brookings Paper

Readings: Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 74-96; 97-186; B&K, pp. 171-192; Quandt, pp. 130-173.

Maps 11-13

D114 UNSCR 338 on a Ceasefire and Direct Negotiations, 1973
D123 Opening Statements at the Geneva Conference on the Middle East, 1973
D124 Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. and Israel, 1974
D131 Rabat Arab League Summit Conference Resolutions, 1974
D133 UNGA Resolution 3236 on Palestinian Self-Determination, 1974
D140 U.S. Foreign Policy and Peace in the Middle East, Presentation by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Harold H. Saunders, 1975
D141 Brookings Institute Report: Toward Peace in the Middle East, 1975
D142 Conversation between Henry Kissinger and Saddun Hammadi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iraq, 1975
D143 US Statement on Occupied Territories by Ambassador William W. Scranton, 1976

Week of November 2 - The Carter Administration's Comprehensive Goals Lead to a Separate Egyptian Peace: How and Why?

November 2 – The Carter White House vs. Begin and Sadat

November 4 - Camp David, the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty, and Autonomy Falters

Readings: B & K, pp. 192-209; Quandt, pp. 177-242; Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 187-228.

D146 President Jimmy Carter on Negotiated Middle East Peace, 1977
D147 Palestine National Council Political Declaration, 1977
D153 Egyptian Vice-President Tuhami and Israeli Foreign Minister Dayan Secret Talks, 1977
D158 Minutes of Secret Meeting, Moshe Dayan and Hussan Tuhami, 1977
D165 Camp David Accords, 1978
D167 Baghdad Arab Summit Resolutions, 1978
D168 Memorandum of Agreement, USA and Israel, 1979 1979
D169 Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty, 1979

Week of November 9 - The 1980s: The Decade of Not Getting Together

November 9 – Decade of Not Getting Together (Hamas and the PLO)

November 11 – Negotiations, US Role, and US–Israeli Relationship

Readings: B&K, pp. 210-243; and Quandt, pp. 245-318.

*Garfinkle, Adam. "Getting it Right? U.S. Middle East Policy in Bush Administration," The Jerusalem Quarterly (Fall 1989), pp. 55-78.

D175 President Jimmy Carter's State of the Union Address, 1980
D176 European Community, "Venice Declaration" on the Middle East, 1980
D181 MOU United States and of Israel on Strategic Cooperation, 1981
D184 Reagan Statement on the West Bank and the Palestinians, 1982
D194 Reagan on the Establishment of New Israeli Settlements, 1983

D224 Speech by Jordanian King Hussein on Jordan's Separation from West Bank, 1988
D225 Hamas Charter, Islamic Resistance Movement of Palestine, 1988
D237 PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, Recognition of UN Resolutions 242 and 338, 1988
D247 Speech by U.S. Secretary of State James Baker before AIPAC, 1989

Weeks of November 16 and 23 - The 1990s: Shaping a Productive Negotiating Environment: The Gulf War, The Madrid Peace Conference, Oslo I, Clinton, 9/11

November 16 – How Washington Works

November 18 – The Gulf War, Madrid Peace Conference, Oslo Accords and the Clinton Administration, 1993-2001

November 23 and 25 – 9/11 and the Second Intifadah: Impact on Negotiations

Readings: B&K, pp. 244-279; 280-312; Stein and Lewis, pp. 8-39, and Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 229-268.

*Garfinkle, Adam. "Israel and Palestine: A Precarious Partnership," The Washington Quarterly (Summer 1997), pp. 3-22.

*Horowitz, Dan. "The Israeli Concept of National Security," in A. Yaniv (ed.), National Security and Democracy in Israel (Boulder, 1993), pp. 11-53.

*Indyk, Martin. "Peace Without the PLO," Foreign Policy (Summer 1991), pp. 30-38.

*Salame, Ghassan. "Inter-Arab Politics: Return of Geography," in William B. Quandt (ed.), The Middle East, Ten Years After Camp David (1988), pp. 319-353.

*Stein, Kenneth. "Continuity and Change in Egyptian-Israeli Relations, 1973-1997," Israel Affairs (Spring/Summer 1997), pp. 296-320.

D269 Quotes from Hamas and Leaders of Islamic Jihad (1992-2009)

D270 Israeli-PLO Recognition Letters, 1993

D271 Oslo Accords Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, 1993

D276 Yasser Arafat Speech on "Jihad" for Jerusalem, 1994

D284 Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah, Hizballah leader, Rules out Peace with Israel, 1995

D287 Yitzhak Rabin's Reasons for Signing the Oslo Accords, 1995

D299 President Clinton's Remarks on the Sharm el-Sheikh Agreement, 2000

**Week of November 30 - The Bush II and Obama Administrations: Changes From and In the Region—
Intifadah II, Settlements, 9/11 and Changing Palestinian and Israeli Politics, in the Shadow of
Arab Spring and Iran
November 30 – Wars in the Middle East, Stalling A-I negotiations?
December 2 – Arab Spring and Iran: Impact on the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

Readings: B&K, pp. 313-360.

*Ajami, Fouad. "The Century's Solitude," Foreign Affairs 80:6 (November/December 2001), pp. 2-17.

Melhem, Hisham, "The Barbarians Within Our Gates, Arab Civilization Has Collapsed. It Won't Recover in My Lifetime." Politico. September 18, 2014.

http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2014/09/the-barbarians-within-our-gates-111116.html#.VDQowC5dV_1

Rubin, Barry, "The Decline and Fall of the Palestinian National Movement," MERIA 10:2 (June 2006), Article 9. <http://www.gloria-center.org/2006/06/rubin-2006-06-09/>

*Sayigh, Yezid. "Arafat and the Anatomy of a Revolt," Survival 43:3 (London: International Institute for Strategic Studies, Autumn 2001), pp. 47-60.

Sayegh, Yezid, "Inducing a Failed State in Palestine," Survival, (September 2007), vol.49:3, 7-40.
<http://www.iiss.org/en/publications/survival/sections/2007-f180/survival-global-politics-and-strategy-autumn-2007-edfe/49-3-03-sayigh-6f35>

Stein, Kenneth W., "Israel's Disengagement from the Gaza Strip: Precedents, Motivations, and Outcomes," La Communita Internazionale, Vol 4/2005, pp. 633-641 (Rome) http://israeled.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Kenneth.Stein_.pdf

D302 Mitchell Report Fact Finding Committee, Excerpts, 2001

D307 UNSCR 1397, Reaffirming Two-State Solution, 2002

D301 "The Future Itself is Dying," – Middle East, George Bush, 2002

D317 Roadmap for Permanent Two-State Solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 2003

D351 UNSCR 1860, Two State-Solution, 2009

D384 President Obama's Speech to the People of Israel, 2013

D404 Palestinian Foreign Minister 'Never Recognize Jewish Character of Israel,' 2014

**Week of December 7 – (Last Day of Class) Dissecting Arab-Israeli Negotiations- What works? Solution
and No Solution: Factors Favoring Either**

Readings: Stein and Lewis, Making Peace, (all).

*Makovsky, David. "Middle East Peace through Partition," Foreign Affairs 80:2 (March/April 2001), pp. 28-46.

*Makovsky, David, et.al. "Imagining the Border: Options for Resolving the Israeli-Palestinian Territorial Issue, January 2011

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/imagining-the-border-options-for-resolving-the-israeli-palestinian-territor>

Susser, Asher, "The Two-State Solution: Getting from Here to There," Foreign Policy Research Institute, October 2012, <http://www.fpri.org/articles/2012/10/two-state-solution-getting-here-there>

D415 Israeli Ambassador to UN Addresses UNGA, 2014

D420 Prime Minister Netanyahu's Speech to Congress, 2015

D424 PM Netanyahu's Address to the Jewish Federations of North America, 2015

D425 President Obama on the Iran Nuclear Deal, 2015

Final Examination- Monday, December 14, 3:00-5:30pm, Anthropology 303 (no alternative dates, except if the college office provides permission)

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