History, Politics, and Diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 383-000/POLS 383-000/JS 383-000/MESAS 370-001

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Additional information about the conflict may be accessed at www.israeled.org

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, February 2017. This e-book is required for the course and should be purchased at https://israeled.org/product/arab-israeli-conflict/ This documents book may also be purchased in kindle format at Amazon.com. The documents book is searchable, it includes 500 plus entries.

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


Document numbers listed in this syllabus refer to the documents by the same numbers that appear in the e-book *History, Politics and Diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Source Document Reader for College Courses and Adult Education*. Assigned documents are marked with a D and with a number such as D5 and should be read by the Monday prior to its notation on the syllabus. The designation D plus a number refers to the document number to be read as it listed in the table of contents of the book. Merely click on to the assigned document number in the table of contents and you have the document before you.

*The articles below are required readings and may be accessed at this address, designated especially for this course. [http://ismi.emory.edu/home/383.html](http://ismi.emory.edu/home/383.html)*

At the end of the syllabus you will find general articles dealing with contemporary Middle East issues that go beyond the conflict. They are suggested readings, not required.

**Grading:** Midterm – Friday, **October 14, 2016** (40%) and Final - **December 8, 2016** (60%). No term papers are required in this course. Exams will be given in White Hall, Room 101. Please
bring one large Blue Book to the mid-term examination and two large Blue Books to the final examination. There will be NO make-up examinations scheduled.

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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 5, Labor Day
Monday, October 3, Rosh Hashanah
Monday, October 10, Fall Break
Wednesday, October 12, Yom Kippur

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August 24, August 29 and August 31 - Origins of the Conflict and Political Cultures
 August 24 - Course Introduction and Background to the modern Middle East
 August 29 - The Setting in Palestine - Politics, Economics, and Society
 August 31 - Zionism and Arab Nationalism in Pre- and Post-World War I

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


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 5 - Labor Day no classes
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September 7 - 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
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Week of September 12 - The Palestine Mandate, 1920-1939 (Part 1)
   September 12 - Arab, British, Jewish Triangle
   September 14 - The Land Question in Palestine


Map 3 Transjordan Separated from Palestine, 1921
D 23 “The Relationship of the Jews to the Arabs,” Der Jude, Arthur Ruppin
D 26 Weizmann-Feisal Agreement, January 1919
D 31 (British) Mandate for Palestine, July 1922
D 34 Arab Peasant Indebtedness, February 1930
D 36 Zirin Village Land Sales, August 1930
D 37 Zirin Village Land Sales, September 1930
D 38 Zirin Village Land Sales, October 1930
D 41 Land Matters, Mr. Heinrich Margalith, Anglo-Palestine Bank to the Jewish Agency
D 42 Arab Memorandum Handed to the High Commissioner for Palestine, 1935
D 44 Peel Commission Report, Findings and Recommendations of the Royal Commission,
D 46 Political Significance of Land Purchase,” Keren Kayemeth Liyisrael [JNF], 1937
D 47 Arab Offers to Sell Lands to Jews (1931-1948)

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Week of September 19 - The Palestine Mandate, 1939 - 1948 (Part 2)
 September 19 - Was there a Jewish State in 1939? What did the Palestinians know?
 September 21 - Palestinian and Arab politics in the 1940s


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


D 50 Arab Leaders Meeting in Damascus, 1938
D 52 Palestine Arab Economy – Jewish Agency Analysis, 1939
D 53 Mufti Hajj Amin al-Husayni Decision to Reject the 1939 White Paper, 1939
D 54 HMG (McDonald) White Paper, 1939
D 56 The Biltmore Program, 1942
D 58 Mufti Hajj Amin al-Husyani in Berlin, 1943
D 59 Partition is the Only Answer, 1944
D 60 Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s Remarks Regarding Zionism, Immigration, 1944
D 63 Moshe Sharett, “Let My People Go,” 1945
D 64 Earl G. Harrison Report on Displaced Persons, 1945
D 66 Arab Case for Palestine, 1946

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Week of September 26 - The End of the Mandate, Armistice Negotiations, Israeli Nation-Building, and Emergence of the Palestinian Arab National Movement

September 26 – The 1948 War, the Refugees and Absorption of Jews from Arab Lands

September 28 - Whose History, Whose Narrative, How the Story is Told and Received

Readings:


Map 10
D70 The Truman Doctrine, 1947
D71 USSR Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Andrei Gromyko on Partition, 1947
D74 Remarks by Abdulrahman Azzam Pasha on Partition, 1947
D76 Arab Reaction to the UN Special Committee on Palestine, 1947
D77 Zionist Reaction to the UN Special Committee on Palestine [UNSCOP], 1947  
D78 UN General Assembly Resolution 181 Partition Plan, 1947  
D79 Memorandum on Palestine, Policy Planning Staff to the Secretary of State, 1948  
D84 Israel Declaration of Independence, 1948  
D89 UN General Assembly Resolution 194 Concerning Palestinian Refugees, 1948  
D90 Israeli-Egyptian General Armistice Agreement, 1949

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Week of October 3 - Great Power Interests in the Middle East; the Cold War, the Suez War and the June 1967 War  
October 3 – Arab Politics and the Palestine Question, 1945-1967 (No Class – Rosh ha'Shanah)  
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.  

D95 [UNRWA] for Palestine Refugees, Government of Canada Memorandum, 1951  
D96 Menachem Begin on Whether to Accept Reparations from Germany, 1952  
D98 Remarks by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, 1955  
D99 Eisenhower Doctrine, Excerpts, 1957  
D101 Eisenhower White House News Statement on the Suez Crisis, Excerpts, 1957  
D102 Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, News Conference on Suez Crisis, 1957  
D103 Prime Minister Ben-Gurion Israel Relations with UN and US, 1957  
D105 Menachem Begin on Arab Refugees, 1963  
D106 PLO National Covenant, 1967

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October 10 - No class Fall Break  
October 12 - No class Yom Kippur

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October 14 – MIDTERM - White Hall, Room 101  
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Week of October 17- Attempted and Failed Diplomacy, 1967-1973
October 17 – United Nations Resolution 242
October 19 – Political Conceptions and Prelude to the 1973 War


D114 Five Principles of Peace, U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1967
D116 Israel’s Alon Plan for the Future of the Territories, 1967
D1118 Arab League Summit Resolutions, Khartoum, 1967
D122 UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 242, 1967
D123 PLO Rejecting UN Resolution 242, 1967
D130 Israeli Knesset Rejects of Jordan’s United Arab Kingdom Plan, 1972
D131 Palestine National Council (PLO), Political Program, 1973
D132 The “Galili Plan” Statement by the Israeli Labor Party on Settlements, 1973

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Week of October 24 - The October 1973 War, Beginning Successful Diplomacy
October 24 - Sadat: the Engine of a Diplomatic Option
October 26 - 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
D134 UNSCR 338 on a Ceasefire and Direct Negotiations, 1973
D138 Opening Statements at the Geneva Conference on the Middle East, 1973
D140 Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. and Israel, 1974
D153 Rabat Arab League Summit Conference Resolutions, 1974
D155 UNGA Resolution 3236 on Palestinian Self-Determination, 1974
D162 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
D163 Brookings Institute Report: Toward Peace in the Middle East, 1975
D164 Conversation between Henry Kissinger and Saddun Hammadi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iraq, 1975
D165 US Statement on Occupied Territories by Ambassador William W. Scranton, 1976

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Week of October 31 - The Carter Administration's Comprehensive Goals Lead to a Separate Egyptian Peace: How and Why?
  
  October 31 – The Carter White House vs. Begin and Sadat
  November 2 - 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

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Week of November 7 - The 1980s: The Decade of Not Getting Together
  
  November 7 – Decade of Not Getting Together (Hamas and the PLO)
  November 9 – Negotiations, US Role, and US–Israeli Relationship

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


D208 President Jimmy Carter’s State of the Union Address, 1980
D211 European Community, “Venice Declaration” on the Middle East, 1980
D215 MOU United States and of Israel on Strategic Cooperation, 1981
D218 Reagan Statement on the West Bank and the Palestinians, 1982
D228 Reagan on the Establishment of New Israeli Settlements, 1983
D261 Speech by Jordanian King Hussein on Jordan’s Separation from West Bank, 1988
D262 Hamas Charter, Islamic Resistance Movement of Palestine, 1988
D263 PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, Recognition of UN Resolutions 242 and 338, 1988
D284 Speech by U.S. Secretary of State James Baker before AIPAC, 1989

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   November 14 – How Washington Works
   November 16 – The Gulf War, Madrid Peace Conference, Oslo Accords and the Clinton Administration, 1993-2001
   November 21 and 23 – 9/11 and the Second Intifadah: Impact on Negotiations


D306 Quotes from Hamas and Leaders of Islamic Jihad (1992-2009)
D310 Oslo Accords Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, 1993
D315 Yasser Arafat Speech on “Jihad” for Jerusalem, 1994
D324 Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah, Hizbullah leader, Rules out Peace with Israel, 1995
D327 Yitzhak Rabin’s Reasons for Signing the Oslo Accords, 1995
D341 President Clinton’s Remarks on the Sharm el-Sheikh Agreement, 2000
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Week of November 28 - 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


D351 UNSCR 1397, Reaffirming Two-State Solution, 2002
D354 “The Future Itself is Dying,” – *Middle East, George Bush*, 2002
D362 Roadmap for Permanent Two-State Solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 2003
D398 UNSCR 1860, Two State-Solution, 2009
D441 President Obama’s Speech to the People of Israel, 2013
D463 Palestinian Foreign Minister ‘Never Recognize Jewish Character of Israel,’ 2014

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Week of December 5 – (Last Day of Class) Dissecting Arab-Israeli Negotiations- What works? Solution and No Solution: Factors Favoring Either


D479 Israeli Ambassador to UN Addresses UNGA, 2014
D485 Prime Minister Netanyahu’s Speech to Congress, 2015
D493 PM Netanyahu's Address to the Jewish Federations of North America, 2015
D494 President Obama on the Iran Nuclear Deal, 2015

**Final Examination- December 8, 2016, 3:00-5:30pm, White Hall, Room 101**

Please bring two large unmarked Blue books. Do not write in, or on, the book prior to class. If you wish to receive your final exam, please provide a self-addressed and properly stamped manila envelope and place it in the office mailbox outside of 121 Bowden Hall by the end of the exam period. Otherwise, final exams will be available for pick up outside of 121 Bowden Hall until January 31, 2017.

Articles on contemporary Middle Eastern issues—2016—not required==


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