

**THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT**  
**JS110 / PS 182 Sec 27**  
**Spring 2006**  
**Brown University**  
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**Course Summary:**

This is an advanced survey of the Arab-Israeli conflict's history, politics, and diplomacy. Divided at 1948-49, the first half of the course deals with the conflict's social, political, ideological, and diplomatic origins; the second half with the period since, focusing on Israeli and Palestinian national emergence, Arab-Israeli wars, the subsequent diplomacy from each, and the impact of American, European, and Cold war engagement upon the conflict's unfolding. Integral to the course, are analyses of documents associated with the conflict's 100-year plus history.

Note: this course was taught before [www.israeled.org](http://www.israeled.org) website was launched in 2015 that contained key source documents related to the conflict. Some of those sources reference in the class at Brown were used in hard copy; they are hyperlinked here. K Stein, December 2021

Required book purchases

Bickerton, Ian and Carla Klausner, *A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict* (Prentice Hall, Fourth Edition, 2002). (ISBN 0-19-090303-5)

Quandt, William B., *Peace Process American Diplomacy and The Arab-Israeli Conflict Since 1967* (Brookings/University of California), 2001. (ISBN 0-520-22515-5)

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)

Khalaf, Issa, *Politics in Palestine Arab Factionalism and Social Disintegration, 1939-1948*, SUNY, Albany NY, 1991, ISBN 0-7914-0708-X

Documents Packet- History Politics, and Diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli Conflict (Providence,

2006). To be purchased by each student during first week of class) References to key documents and sources are found in the syllabus here and linked to [www.israeled.org](http://www.israeled.org) itself only created in 2015.

### **Course Grading:**

This class meets once a week. There will be class discussion for each topic on the syllabus. Class participation is essential. Each student will write two papers, a 25 page research paper of the student's choosing and one 10 page paper on an assigned topic. A written in class mid-term examination will be given on March 15, 2006. The final examination will be given on May 8, 2006. For each examination, please bring two blue books. The final grade for the course will be determined as follows:

short paper - 10% "The Camp David II Accords"

mid-term examination - 20% The question to be answered is: "Discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict to December 1949"

class participation - 20%

research paper - 25%

final examination-25% The question to be answered is "Discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict from 1949-present"

### **Course Guidelines:**

For the short paper, each student will be asked to analyze the same topic: the July 2000, Camp David II summit. Students will use Israeli, Palestinian, American, and other sources. Each student will use the same source material, but will work independently of one another. The source material consists of more than 500 pages of primary source materials translated from Arabic, Hebrew and English as assembled by the instructor. The short paper should be no longer than 12 pages in length, including **endnotes** and bibliography. It is due on February 22, 2006. The material provided is the only source material that can be used in writing the paper. Each student seek to answer the same questions:

1. Why was the summit convened in July 2000 and not earlier/later?
2. What were the expectations of each side prior to the summit?
3. How was the summit conducted?
4. Who was responsible for the summit's collapse?

For the long research paper, the topic will be chosen in consultation with the professor. The bibliography (minimum of nine journal articles and six books) for the research paper is due on February 10, 2006. The paper is due in my office on April 28, 2006 by 5pm. In terms of length, the research paper, must be no longer than 25 pages, (not including endnotes and

bibliography).

In writing both the short and long papers (described below), the following presentation format **must** be used. Every paper must be typed, double-spaced (for the long paper, no more than a 6500 words--approximately 25 pages), and paginated with **endnotes** and bibliography following. For a stylistic outline of how the notes and bibliography are to be arranged and presented in the research paper, see the *Chicago Manual of Style*. For guidance of acceptable citation style, arrangement of the endnotes and bibliography, please use the same style employed in *The Land Question in Palestine, 1917-1939* (1984). Please note that the abbreviated citation method (Stein, p.2) used in political science and scientific papers is **not** an acceptable format.

For the major paper, students may use only 20% of their source material from web based origins; in other words, research papers in this course must be completed with the use of scholarly books and journals;

Class sessions will be a combination of lecture and discussion. For each class session, students will be assigned readings from original sources from the documents packet. Students are expected to participate actively in all class discussions.

**Important class assignment dates:**

February 1 - material distributed for first paper  
 February 22 - first paper of 12 pages due  
 March 1 - topic and bibliography for research paper  
 March 15 - mid- term examination  
 April 26 - final paper due (no extensions)  
 May - final examination

**January 25 - Arab and Jewish political cultures****February 1 -Origins of the Conflict, Zionism, and Arab Nationalism in Pre- and Post-World War I**

**Readings:** B&K, pp. 1-44.

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

**February 8- The Palestine Mandate, 1920-1948 (I)**

**Readings:** B&K, pp. 44-67.

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

\*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.

\*Mattar, Philip, \_The Mufti of Jerusalem and the Politics of Palestine, \_ Middle East Journal, Vol. 42, No. 2 (Spring 1988), pp. 227-240.

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

\*Stein, Kenneth W., \_Palestine's Rural Economy, 1917-1939, \_ Studies in Zionism, Vol. 8, No. 1 (1987), pp. 25-49.

**February 15 - The Palestine Mandate, 1920-1948 (II)**

**Readings:** B&K, pp. 68-115.

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

\*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.

**February 22- The End of the Mandate, Armistice Negotiations, Israeli Nation-Building, and Emergence of the Palestinian Arab National Movement, Palestinian and Jewish refugees** (Short paper is due)

**Readings:**

\*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.

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

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

\*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.

\*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.

**March 1 - Great Power Interests in the Middle East; the Cold War, Suez War, and the June 1967 War**

**Readings:** B&K, pp. 116-159; 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 (New York: Columbia University Press), pp.162-171.

Quandt, pp. 1-52.

**Source documents leading to and after the June 1967 war - [The PLO commitment](#)** to use armed struggle to eliminate Israel, Israeli Prime Minister Eshkol stammers through need for defending Israel, heightening the public's general anxiety; Egyptian President Nassar states intent to destroy Israel, Israel's UN Ambassador Rafael sums up context that led to the war, and Israeli government's proposed peace plan delivered at end of the war, and Israel's Army Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin presents Israel's case on why it went to war.

May 1964 [PLO Covenant to eliminate Israel](#)

May 28, 1967 Israeli Prime Minister Eshkol - [Speech to the Israeli people](#),

May 29, 1967, Egyptian President Nassar - [Speech to the Egyptian Parliament](#)

June 3, 1967, [Israel Ambassador to the UN Gideon Rafael sums up without polemics, events that led to the outbreak of the war](#)

June 19, 1967, [Israeli Government, Designed Peace Plan proposed at end of the war](#)

June 28, 1967, [Israeli Chief of Staff Rabin defends Israel's war with the Arab states](#)

September 1, 1967 [Arab League Summit Resolutions reject negotiations, peace and recognition of Israel](#)

### **March 8 - Attempted and Failed Diplomacy, 1967-1973**

**Readings:** B&K, pp. 160-171;

Quandt, pp. 55-129;

Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 1-73.

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

[November 22, 1967 UN Resolution 242](#) - outline of land for peace becomes core concept for all future Arab-Israeli negotiations

### **March 15 - The October 1973 War and its aftermath**

**Readings:** Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 74-96

(Mid-term examination last 90 minutes of class)

### **March 22 - Disengagement Agreements to the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty**

**Readings:** B&K, pp. 171-209; Quandt, pp. 130-242; and Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 97-228.

### **March 29 Spring break**

### **April 5 - The 1980s: The Decade of Not Getting Together: Reagan-Shultz, Shamir, Assad, Hussein, and Arafat; Lebanon and the Intifadah**

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

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

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

### **April 12 - The 1990s - The Gulf War, The Madrid Peace Conference; European and US differences about the Middle East, J-I treaty**

**Readings:** B&K, pp. 244-279; Quandt, pp. 321-378, and Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 229-268.

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

### **April 19 - Intifadah II, Bush administration and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

**Readings:** B&K, pp. 280-312; Quandt, pp. 379-396; and Stein and Lewis, pp. 8-39.

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

\*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.

Sayigh, Yezid, "Arafat and the Anatomy of a Revolt," Survival, Volume 43, No. 3

(International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, Autumn 2001), pp. 47-60.

**April 26-** Arafat's Legacy-Sharon's inheritance

\* Ajami, Fouad "The Sentry's Solitude," Foreign Affairs, Vol. 80, No. 6 (November/December 2001), pp. 2-17.

\*Makovsky, David "Middle East Peace Through Partition," Foreign Affairs, Vol. 80, No. 2 (March/April 2001), pp. 28-46.

**May 8, 2021** - Final Examination - Bring two large blue books to the final. Please do not put your name on the cover sheet of the blue books.