

History 574  
Arab-Israeli Relations, Past and Present

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Tuesday/Thursday 3:30-4:45.

The course History 574 Arab-Israeli Relations will explore the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the world of narratives and images which are part of this history. Participants will study the timeline of the events, the facts and the variety of ways in which the story of conflict is told.

The Goals of this course include:

- To acquaint students with significant events in the history of the Arab-Israeli Relations.
- To introduce students to the main issues of the Arab-Israeli Relations, which led to the development of the conflict.
- To develop students' skills in the critical analysis of the Arab-Israeli Relations and identify debates surrounding key events in these relations
- To understand how the news media shapes reportage of the relations
- To practice some of the relations and processes in the region using simulation

Course Principals

1. The students are expected to attend all classes, show up on time and to have read the assigned readings for that class session.
2. The class readings include articles chosen specifically for the course and all can be accessed on line.
3. The examination will cover all course materials presented in the lectures until class # 19, and the assigned reading items: 1-20.
4. The students need to show up on time for the exam.
5. In class turn off your cell phones, pagers, text-messagers, etc.
6. Students with disabilities or who need special consideration, please contact the professor as soon as possible.
7. The simulation is an integral part of the course and the students have to take part in the preparation stages, and submit the preparation paper and the summary.
8. The final paper will cover all the course materials presented in lectures, assigned readings and class discussions. The topics of the paper and instructions will be published by the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the course.

Course Grading and assignments

Grades will be computed based on the following weighting:

- Examination: 100 points = 20%
- Simulation preparation paper: 100 points = 20%
- Final paper: 100 points = 40%

- Attendance and Participation (class and simulation): 100 points = 20% (You can miss two classes without any consequences. Every missed class not due to a verifiable medical or personal emergency after that will result in reduction of your final grade).

Average point scores from 90-100 will earn a grade in the A-range  
 Average point scores from 80-89 will earn a grade in the B-range  
 Average point scores from 70-79 will earn a grade in the C-range  
 Average point scores from 60-69 will earn a grade in the D-range  
 Average point scores below 60 will earn a grade of F

	Date	Class session & Topic	Reading & assignments
I: History	Sept 1	1. Introduction	
	Sept 3	2. The Turkish period	1. Twain, Mark. 1869. <i>The Innocents Abroad, or The New Pilgrims' Progress</i> . The Gutenberg Project. <a href="http://www.gutenberg.org/files/3176/3176.txt">http://www.gutenberg.org/files/3176/3176.txt</a>
	Sept 8	3. The transition to the British Mandate	2. The Balfour Declaration <a href="http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_depth/middle_east/israel_and_the_palestinians/key_documents/1682961.stm">http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_depth/middle_east/israel_and_the_palestinians/key_documents/1682961.stm</a>  3. The British Mandate document <a href="http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/palmanda.asp">http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/palmanda.asp</a>
	Sept 10	4. the British Mandate	4. Cunningham, Alan. 1948. 'Palestine-The Last Days of the Mandate'. <i>International Affairs</i> (Royal Institute of International Affairs). vol. 24. no. 4. pp. 481-490.
	Sept 15	5. 1948	5. UN Resolution 181 <a href="http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/un/res181.htm">http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/un/res181.htm</a> Part I: A; Part II: A, B, C  6. Shlaim, Avi. 1995. 'The Debate About 1948'. <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i> . vol. 27. no. 3. pp. 287-304.
	Sept 17	6. 1948-1956	7. Morris, Benny. 1993. <i>Israel's Border Wars: 1949-1956</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press. pp. 148-158.
	Sept 22	7. 1967	8. Andersen, Roy, Robert Seibert, and Jon Wagner. 1993. <i>Politics and Change in the Middle East: Sources of Conflict and Accommodation</i> . 4th ed. Engelwood Cliffs N.J.: Prentice Hall. Chapter 6. p. 121.
	Sept 24	8. 1967-1973	9. UN Resolution 242 <a href="http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/UN/unres242.html">http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/UN/unres242.html</a>

Sept 29	9. 1973	10. Handel, Michael 1977. 'The Yom Kippur War and the Inevitability of Surprise'. <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> . vol. 21. no. 3. pp. 461-502.
October 1	10. First stages of the Peace process	11. Bar-Siman-Tov, Yaacov. 1994. <i>Israel and the Peace Process, 1977-1982: In Search of Legitimacy for Peace</i> . Albany, SUNY Press. pp. 20-60.
October 6	11. Israeli-Egyptian Peace	11. The Israel-Egypt peace treaty (Preamble, Articles: I; II; III (1); VII) <a href="http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/Peace%20Process/Guide%20to%20the%20Peace%20Process/Israel-Egypt%20Peace%20Treaty">http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/Peace%20Process/Guide%20to%20the%20Peace%20Process/Israel-Egypt%20Peace%20Treaty</a>
October 8	12. 1981-1982	12. Andersen, Roy, Robert Seibert, and Jon Wagner. 1993. <i>Politics and Change in the Middle East: Sources of Conflict and Accommodation</i> . 4th ed. Engelwood Cliffs N.J.: Prentice Hall. Chapter 6. pp. 123-124.
October 13	13. The 1 <sup>st</sup> Intifada	13. Andersen, Roy, Robert Seibert, and Jon Wagner. 1993. <i>Politics and Change in the Middle East: Sources of Conflict and Accommodation</i> . 4th ed. Engelwood Cliffs N.J.: Prentice Hall. Chapter 6. pp. 124-130.
October 15	14. The Gulf war 1990-1	15. Evron, Yair. 1994. 'Gulf Crisis and War: Regional Rules of the Game and Policy and Theoretical Implications'. <i>Security Studies</i> . vol. 4. no. 1. pp. 130-138.
October 20	15. The Oslo process	16. Barnett, M. 1999. 'Culture, Strategy and Foreign Policy Change: Israel's Road to Oslo'. <i>European Journal of International Relations</i> . vol. 5. no. 1. pp. 5-36.
October 22	16. Israeli-Jordanian Peace	17. Susser, A. 1999. The Jordanian-Israeli Peace Negotiations (The Geopolitical Rationale of a Bilateral Relationship. ). Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, The Hebrew University Jerusalem. <i>Davis Occasional Papers</i> . No. 73. August 1999.
October 27	17. The collapse of the Oslo Process	18. Kacowicz, Arie. 2005. 'Rashomon in the Middle East: Clashing Narratives, Images and Frames in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.' <i>Cooperation and Conflict</i> . vol. 40. no. 3. pp. 343-360.
October 29	18. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Intifada	19. Feldman, S. The Second Intifada: A "Net Assessment". <i>Strategic Assessment</i> . Volume 4, No. 3 November 2001. Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies. Tel Aviv University
Nov 3	19. 2005-2009	20. Obama Cairo Speech
Nov 5	20. Examination	
Nov 10	Simulation Preparation	

II: Main Issues in the Arab Israeli	Nov 12	21. Conflict - Theory	
	Nov 17	22. Issues of conflict	
	Nov 19	23. Water as an issue	21. Cooley, John. 1984. 'The War over Water'. <i>Foreign Policy</i> . no. 54. pp. 3-26.  Submission of Simulation preparation paper
	Nov 24	24. Media	22. Wolfsfeld, G. The News Media and the Second Intifada: Some Initial Lessons. <i>The Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics</i> . 2001 Volume 6, No. 4. pp: 113-118.
III: Simulation & Summary	Dec 1; 3	25-26. Simulation Preparation	23. Wilkenfeld, Jonathan. 1998. <i>ICONS User Manual</i> . Project ICONS, University of Maryland. pp. 1-8.  24. Gilboa, Eytan. 1979. 'Educating Israeli Officers in the Processes of Peacemaking in the Middle East Conflict'. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> . vol. 16. no. 2. pp. 155-162.
	Dec 8	27. Simulation	
	Dec 10	28. Conclusion	Submission of Final paper