

**Colonization and Nationalism:
Jewish settlement in Palestine-Israel, 1882-1948**

191L-3/201R Undergraduate-graduate seminar
Spring semester, Wednesday 3-5:50 pm

Office hours:

Monday: 11.00a.m-1.00 p.m.

Wednesday: 12.00-1.00 p.m.

The seminar deals with the Jewish colonization in Palestine during the first half of the 20th century, focusing on issues relating to the interrelations between nationalism, immigration and colonization, such as: what distinguished the Zionist orchestrated settlement policy? To what extent did national settlement resemble imperial colonization? Did immigration dictate or had it been dictated by the national settlement policy? How much was the national enterprise involved with socialism? What were the mutual impacts between national colonization and the Arab-Jewish conflict?

The seminar will be based on intensive individual readings of the students, and each session will be opened by students' presentations. Each student will have to submit by the end of the semester a seminar paper of about 20-30 pages (graduate) or 10-15 (undergraduate), which will be worked out under the guidance of the teacher.

April 2, 08**Introduction**

Nationalism, colonization, and colonialism
Jewish Migration in Modern Times
Jewish pre-national settlement in Palestine

Readings:

Schmelz, "Migration"

2. April 9, 08**The beginning of national settlement**

The origins of Zionism
The First Aliyah
Historical debates:
National settlement?
Social and political implications

Readings:

Aaronson, "Baron Rothschild and the Initial Stage of Jewish Settlement in Palestine"
Avineri, *The Making of Zionism* (first chapter)
Ben Porat "Immigration, Proletarianization and Deproletarianization"
Ettinger and Bartal. "The First Aliyah"

3. April 16, 08

The Beginnings of national settlement policy

Zionist official involvement

The Second Aliyah

Historical debates:

The origins of cooperative settlement

National-political aspects

Social aspects

Readings:

Almog. "Was Herzl a Jewish nationalist?"

Gross, "Herzl's Economic Vision",

Herzberg, *The Zionist Idea*:

Theodor Herzl, pp. 199-231, especially, 199-204, 220-226

Ahad Ha-Am, pp.247-277, esp. 247-251, 262-277

Kark, article by Shiloni

Penslar, "Herzl, Zionism"

Penslar, "The Origins"

Penslar, *Zionism and Technocracy*

Shafir, *Land, Labor and the Origins of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*

4. April 23, 08

The post-WWI shaping of Zionist immigration and settlement policy

The new status and the National Home

Brandeis-Weizmann controversy

The concept of "national capital," the National Fund, and Palestine Foundation Fund

Readings:

Berlin, "The Weizmann-Brandeis Dispute"

Halpern, *A Clash of Heroes*

Metzer, "Economic Structure and National Goals"

Sources: Metzer, National Capital – sources on web

5. April 30, 08

National Land acquisition policy

Territorial, political and strategic considerations

Practical implications:

Between private and public capital

The land market: Arab sellers-Jewish buyers

Readings:

Amit, Economic and Zionist

Metzer, economic structure

Metzer, the divided economy

Stein, the land question

Sources: Metzer, National capital

6. May 7, 08

Agriculture versus urban settlement

National Ideology

National revival

“Hebrew labor” principle

The praxis: Implications – geography and politics

Readings:

Carmi, Immigration

Cohen, Eric, The City in the Zionist Ideology

Halpen and Reinharz, Zionism

Helman, “East or West?”

Mead, *Agricultural Development*

Metzer, Economic structure

Shimoni, the Zionist ideology

7. May 14, 08

Socialism and private enterprise as factors in the Zionist settlement policy

“Constructive Socialism”

“labor colonization”

capitalist enterprise

Jewish agricultural settlement and its impact on the Arab-Jewish conflict

Reading:

Amit, Economic and Zionist

Gorny “The Historical

Graicer, “The valley ”

Kark (articles by Katz and by Oren)

Sternhell, Founding

Sternhell, response

Weintraub, Moshava

8. May 21, 08

National Settlement and immigration

"selective" immigration policy

Settlement and absorption – was there an absorption policy?

Facing the Jewish plight in Europe

Transformation of settlement policy during the Fifth Aliyah in the 1930s

Readings:

Beenstock, Metzer and Ziv. “Immigration and Jewish

Carmi, “Immigration, Urbanization and Crisis

Reichman et al., The absorptive capacity

9. May 28, 08

Challenges and alternatives

The Revisionist version of 'colonization regime'

The American approach:

The Brandeis circle – PEC

The extended Jewish Agency and the Joint Survey Commission

Readings:

Kark, article by Amit

Shavit, Jabotinsky

Shimoni, chapter on Revisionism

Sources: Joint Palestine Survey Commission

10. June 4, 08

Settlement and National Conflict: 1936 as a turning point

Shift of focus: Strategic considerations

Jewish colonization and national separation

The shaping of national borders

Readings

Bernstein, *Constructing Boundaries*

Lustick, article by Galnoor

Gorny. *Zionism and the Arabs*

Horowitz and Lissak. *Origins of the Israeli Polity*

Horowitz and Hinden., *Economic survey*

Katz, The Palestinian Mountain

Lockman

Metzer, divided

Metzer, Jointly

Shapira, ideology

Shapira, Land

11. June 11, 08

Conclusion and criticism:

National revival and the Jewish plight

National colonization and the Arab-Jewish conflict

National colonization and colonialism

Readings:

Halpern and Reinharz, Zionism and the creation

Nathan, Gass and Creamer