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The Arab-Israeli Conflict **(Undergraduate elective course)**

This course aims at examining the root causes of the Arab-Israeli conflict; the way it developed since the late 19th century with an emphasis on the Jewish-Palestinian confrontation during the British mandate (1917-1948), and the Arab-Israeli wars since 1948; and abortive and successful attempts to put an end to the conflict during the last forty years.

Course assignments:

- a) A review essay of 2000-2500 words on a topic to be decided. Due on October 11, 2007 (30% of final grade).
- b) Final multiple choice examination: (50% of final grade).
- c) Class active participation (20% of final grade).

Course description

1. Historical background: Arabs, Jews, and the emergence of the conflict in Palestine

Required Reading

Ian Bickerton and Carla L. Klausner, *A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict* (Prentice-Hall, NJ, 2001), 1-34.

Alan Dowty, *Israel/Palestine*, (Malden, MA: Polity, 2005), 1-68.

Recommended Reading

Mark Tessler, *A History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994), 1-126.

Benny Morris, *Righteous Victims: A History of the Zionist-Arab Conflict, 1881-1999* (New York: Knopf, 2001), 1-36.

2. Palestine between two World Wars: 1914-1939

Required Reading

Bickerton and Klausner, *A Concise History*, 34-66.

Morris, *Righteous Victims*, 67-160.

Recommended Reading

Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall: Israel and the Arab World* (London: Penguin, 2000), 1-27

Mark Tessler, *A History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, -----

3. The Jewish Holocaust, the Palestinian Naqba, the establishment of Israel, and the making of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: 1939-1949

Required Reading

Bickerton and Klausner, *A Concise History*, 67-114.

Morris, *Righteous Victims*, 161-258.

Recommended Reading

Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall*, 28-53.

Benny Morris, *The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem, 1947-1949* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987), 4-28; 286-296.

Efraim Karsh, *Fabricating Israeli History: The "New Historians"* (London: Frank Cass, 1997), pp. 37-68.

4. The consolidation of the conflict: 1949-1956

Required Reading

Bickerton and Klausner, *A Concise History*, 115-37.

Morris, *Righteous Victims*, 259-301.

Recommended Reading

Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall*, 54-185.

Steven L. Spiegel, *The Other Arab-Israeli Conflict: Making America's Middle East Policy, from Truman to Reagan* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1985), 50-71.

5. The calm decade and the crescendo of the June 1967 War: 1957-1967**Required Reading**

Bickerton and Klausner, *A Concise History*, 138-160.

Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall*, 186-250.

Recommended Reading

Morris, *Righteous Victims*, 302-346.

6. Futile diplomacy and wars of attrition: 1967-1973**Required Reading**

Bickerton and Klausner, *A Concise History*, 161-177.

Morris, *Righteous Victims*, 347-386.

Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall*, 250-318.

Recommended Reading

William B. Quandt, *Peace Process: American Diplomacy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict since 1967* (Berkeley: University of California, 2001), 44-104.

Yezid Sayigh, *Armed Struggle and the Search for State: The Palestinian National Movement 1949-1993* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999), 143-317.

7. The October War and the beginning of the political process: 1973-1975.

Required Reading

Bickerton and Klausner, *A Concise History*, 177-197.

Morris, *Righteous Victims*, 387-443.

Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall*, 318-351.

Recommended Reading

Quandt, *Peace Process*, 177-242.

Kenneth W. Stein, *Heroic Diplomacy: Sadat, Kissinger, Carter, Begin, and the Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace* (New York: Routledge, 1999), pp. 97-187.

8. Sadat's peace initiative and the end of the Egyptian-Israeli conflict: 1977-1979.

Required Reading

Bickerton and Klausner, *A Concise History*, 197-212.

Morris, *Righteous Victims*, 444-493.

Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall*, 352-383.

Recommended Reading

Quandt, *Peace Process*, 130-242.

Kenneth W. Stein, *Heroic Diplomacy*, 187-228.

9. The decline of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the rise of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict: 1979-1991.

Required Reading

Bickerton and Klausner, *A Concise History*, 213-247.

Morris, *Righteous Victims*, 494-610.

Recommended Reading

Shlaim, *The Iron Wall*, 384-501.

Quandt, *Peace Process*, pp. 245-318.

Yezid Sayigh, *Armed Struggle and the Search for State*, 495-543.

10. A new diplomatic breakthrough? The Oslo process: 1992-2000**Required Reading**

Bickerton and Klausner, *A Concise History*, 248-314.

Morris, *Righteous Victims*, pp. 611-652.

Dowty, *Israel/Palestine*, 137-156.

Recommended Reading

Quandt, *Peace Process*, 321-376.

Shlaim, *The Iron Wall*, 502-595.

11. A new age of extremism? The collapse of the Oslo process, the second *Intifada*, and the rise of radical Islam: 2000-2006

Morris, *Righteous Victims*, 652-675.

Bickerton and Klausner, *A Concise History* (5th edition, July 2006), .

Quandt, *Peace Process*, 357-376.

12. The Arab-Israeli conflict: lessons from the past, perspectives for the future

Morris, *Righteous Victims*, 676-692.

Dowty, *Israel/Palestine*, 169-216.