

Israel-Jordan Relations, The Friendly Foes

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This course deals with the crystallization and development of relations between the Zionist movement (later, the State of Israel) and the Emirate of Transjordan (later the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan).

It focuses on the mutual and particular interests of the parties to maintain political (albeit mainly discreet) ties that culminated in the peace accord of 1994.

The course endeavors to explore how and why Jordan remained the Arab state less hostile to Israel throughout most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Required Reading.

1. Yoav Gelber, Jewish-Transjordanian Relations 1921-1948 (Frank Cass, London and Portland, 1997)
2. Maan Abu Nowar, The Jordanian-Israeli War 1948-1951 (Ithaca Press, Reading, 2002)
3. Joseph Nevo, King Hussein and the Evolution of Jordan's Perception of a Political Settlement with Israel, 1967-1988 (Sussex Academic Press, Brighton and Portland, 2006)

All Available on Amazon

4. Mose Zak, "Israeli Jordanian Negotiations", The Jerusalem Quarterly, Vol. 8 no. 1 (winter 1985), pp. 167-176

Course Requirements and grading

1. Attendance of classes and participation in discussions.
2. Reading assignments as indicated on syllabus. (1+2: 15%)
3. Mid-term Exam: 19 October 2009 (25%)
4. Final Exam (25%)
5. A 10-12 pages final paper (topics to be selected from a list that would be given on the first seminar meeting, 26 August), to be submitted on the last day

of classes (December 4, 2009) (35%)

## OUTLINE

August 26; August 28, August 31; **Introduction:** Palestine and Transjordan till World War I

### Reading

Eugene Rogan "Bringing The State Back to The Limits, Ottoman Rule in Transjordan 1840-1910" in: Eugene Rogan and Tariq Tell (Eds.), *Village, Steppe and The State, The Social Origins og Modern Jordan*, British Academic Press, London and New York, 1994, pp. 32-57.

Thomas Idinopulos, *Weathered by Miracles: A History of Palestine from Bonaparte and Muhammad Ali to Ben-Gurion and the Mufti*, Ivan R. Dee, Chicago, 1998, pp. 123-139

Donna Robinson Divine, *Politics and Society in Ottoman Palestine*, Lynne Reiner, Boulder and London, 1994, pp. 169-186.

September 2, September 4; The peace settlements, Mandates and the 'creation' of Transjordan Emirate

### Reading

Ma'an Abu Nowar, *The History Of The Hashemite Kingdom Of Jordan, Vol.I 1920-1929*, Ithaca, Oxford, 1989, pp. 21-48

Mary C. Wilson, *King Abdullah, Britain and the Making of Jordan*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1987, pp. 39-59.

Timothy J. Paris, *Britain, the Hashemites and the Arab Rule 1920-1925*, Frank Cass, London, 2003, pp. 153-176.

September 7; Labor Day

September 9, September 11, September 14; Palestine and Transjordan in the 1920s and the 1930s: Political and economic aspects.

### Reading

Avi Shlaim, *Collusion Across the Jordan; King Abdullah, The Zionist Movement and the Partition of Palestine*, Clarendon, Oxford, 1988, pp. 41-54.

Joseph Nevo, *King Abdallah and Palestine: A Territorial Ambition*, (MacMillan and St. Martin, London and New York, 1996, pp. 15-30.

Mary C. Wilson, pp. 103-115.

Kamal Salibi, *The Modern History Of Jordan*, I.B. Tauris, London, 1993, PP. 120- 139.

September 16, September 18, September 21; The Arab rebellion and World War II,

Reading

Maan Abu Nowar, *The Development of Trans-Jordan 1929-1939: A History of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*, Ithaca, Reading, 2006, pp. 189-226.

Shlaim, Collusion, pp. 54-72.

Mary C. Wilson, pp. 115-150.

September 23, September 25; Intensification of annexation ambition: 1945-1947

Reading

Martin Sicker, *Between Hashemites and Zionists: The Struggle for Palestine 1908-1988*, Holms and Meier, New York and London, 1989, pp. 93-101.

Nevo, Abdallah, pp. 53-82.

Mary C. Wilson, pp. 151-170.

Adnan Abu-Odeh, *Jordanians, Palestinians and the Hashemite Kingdom in the Middle East Peace Process*, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, 1999, pp. 27-39.

September 28: Yom Kippur

September 30, October 2, October 5; 1948: Shooting and talking

Reading

Maan Abu Nowar, *The Jordanian-Israeli War 1948-1951*, Ithaca, Reading, 2002, pp. 91-128.

Jon Kimche, *Both Sides of the Hill : Britain and the Palestine War*, Secker and Warburg, London, 1960, pp. 179-195.

Abu-Odeh, Jordanians, pp. 39-48.

Nevo, Abdallah, pp. 172-182.

Yoav Gelber, *Israeli-Jordanian Dialogue 1948-1953, Cooperation, Conspiracy or Collusion?* Sussex Academic Press, Brighton and Portland, 2004, pp. 9-27.

October 7, October 9, October 12; 1949-1950: Negotiations for a peaceful solution.

Reading

Ithamar Rabinovich, *the Road not taken, Early Arab-Israeli Negotiations*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1991, pp. 119-151.

C. Ernest Dawn "Pan Arabism and the Failure of Israeli-Jordanian Peace Negotiation 1950" in: Girdhari L. Tikku (ed.), *Islam and its Cultural Divergence*, University of Illinois Press, Urbana, 1971, pp. 27-51.

Shlaim, *Collusion*, pp. 513-549.

October 14, October 16; The 1950s.

Reading

Gelber, *Israeli-Jordanian Dialogue*, pp.240-264.

Zaki Shalom, *The Superpowers, Israel and the Future of Jordan 1960-1963: The Perils of the Pro-Nasser Policy*, Sussex Academic Press, Brighton and Portland, 1999, pp. 95-104.

Benny Morris, *Israel's Border Wars 1949-1956*, Clarendon, Oxford, 1997, pp. 71-86.

Joseph Nevo, *King Hussein and the Evolution of Jordan's Perception of a Political Settlement with Israel, 1967-1988*, Sussex Academic Press, Brighton and Portland, 2006) , pp. 14-24.

October 19: Mid-Term Exam

October 21, October 23, October 26: The 1960s Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians (I)

Reading

Uriel Dann, *King Hussein and the Challenge of Arab Radicalism: Jordan 1955-1967*, Oxford University Press, New York and Oxford, 1989 , pp. 136-153.

Salibi, *The Modern History*, pp. 206-221.

Samir Mutawi, *Jordan in the 1967 War*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1987, pp. 69-92.

October 28, October 31, November 2; 1967 and after: Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians (II).

Reading

Asher Susser, *On Both Banks of the Jordan: A Political biography of Wasfi al-Tall*, Frank Cass, Ilford and Portland, 1994, pp. 132-156.

Abu-Odeh, *Jordanians*, pp. 169-188.

Nevo, *Perception*, pp. 25-35.

Adam Garfinkle, *Israel and Jordan in a Shadow of War*, St. Martin's, New York, 1992, pp. 51-74

November 4, November 6, November 9; The 1970s: Negotiations continue.

## Reading

Nigel Ashton, *King Hussein of Jordan, A Political Life*, Yale University Press, New Haven and London, 2008, pp. 179-192.

Philip Robins, *A History of Jordan*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2004, pp. 133-158.

Clinton Bailey, *Jordan's Palestinian Challenge 1948-1983; A Political History*, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1984, pp. 65-90.

Moshe Shemesh, *The Palestinian Entity 1959-1974*, Frank Cass, London and Portland, 1996, pp. 217-233, 306-315.

November 11, November 13, November 16; The 1980s: In the shadow of the international conference; Intifada and Disengagement.

## Reading

Madiha Rashid al-Madfai, *Jordan, the United States and the Middle East Peace Process, 1974-1991*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1993, pp. 135-157.

Ashton, King Hussein, pp. 230-257.

Robins, A History of Jordan, pp. 158-180.

Garfinkle, Israel and Jordan, pp. 145-162

November 18, November 20, November 23, November 25; The Israel-Jordan peace accord (1994); background and outcomes (till the demise of King Hussein).

## Reading

Ashton, King Hussein, pp.284-316.

Joseph Nevo, "Jordan, the Palestinians and the Al-Aqsa Intifada" *Civil Wars* Special issue on the Al-Aqsa Intifada, edited by Clive Jones and Ami pedahzur), Vol. 6 No. 2, Autumn 2003, pp. 70-83.

Mutayyam Al O'ran, *Jordanian-Israeli Relations; The peacebuilding Experience*, Routledge, London and New York, 2009, pp. 31-47

Robins, A History of Jordan, pp. 181-193.

November 27; Thanks Giving

November 30, December 2, December 4; Jordan-Israel relations under King Abdullah II (Conclusion).

## Reading

Al O'ran, *Jordanian-Israeli Relations*, pp. 31-47

Muhammad Al-Mumani, "What Went Wrong in the Middle East Peace Process? The Jordanian Israeli Relationship" in: Edwin G. Corr, Joseph Ginat and Shaul M. Gabbay (eds.), *The Search for Arab Israeli Peace: Learning from the Past and Building Trust*, Sussex Academic Press, Brighton and Portland, 2007, pp. 154-162

Dona Stewart, *Good Neighbourly Relations: Jordan, Israel and the 1994-2004 Peace Process*, Tauris Academic Studies, London and New York, 2007, pp. 113-135.