August 30: Orientation and Introduction

September 6: Orientalism: How Should we Approach the Middle East?

Discussion in Class:

Reading:
Ziauddin Sardar, Orientalism (Buckingham, 1999), pp. 13-76 (DS12 .S28)

September 13: Historiographical Approaches to the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Discussion in Class:

**Reading:**


**September 20: The Emergence of the Jewish-Arab Conflict**

**Discussion in Class:**


- The Sykes- Picot Agreement
- The MacMahon Letter
- The Balfour Declaration
- The Feisal – Weizmann agreement and Feisal – Frankfurter Letters
- Recommendation of the King- Crane Commission
- Memorandum Presented to the King- Crane Commission by the General Syrian Congress.
- The British Mandate


**September 27: NO CLASS**

(Date will be decided) War in Palestine, 1948: the Historiographical Debate

**Discussion in Class:**
Jose Brunner, "Pride and Memory: Nationalism, Narcissism and the Historians' Debates in Germany and Israel," *History and Memory*, Vol.9, No. 1/2; (Fall 1997), pg. 256.


**Reading:**


**October 4: War in Palestine, 1948: Myths and Facts**

**Discussion in Class:**

Plan Dalet.


**Reading:**

Tal, *War in Palestine, 1948*.

**October 11: In the 1948 War Aftermath: The Missed Peace?**

**Discussion in Class:**

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**Reading**


**October 18: The Road to the Sinai War**

**Discussion in Class:**


**Reading**

October 25: The Road to the Six Days War

Discussion in Class:


Reading


October 29: The Six Days War- the International Dimension

Discussion in Class:


November 1: In the Aftermath of the 1967 War- the Making of Resolution 242

Discussion in Class:

November 8: From War to Peace Agreement: Israel and Egypt

Discussion in Class:

The Khartoum Resolutions; September 1, 1967.


War:

Jamasī, *The October war*, pp. 128-139, 159-168, 185-191.


Peace:


November 15: From the Oslo Accords to the Second Intifada:

1. The Oslo Accords

Documents:

2. From Camp David to the Intifada:

Documents:

**December 6: Does Peace Possible?**


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