This course should give you an understanding both of major topics in political analysis—political culture, proportional representation, coalition formation, ethnopolitics, the interplay of religion and politics—as well as of the interaction of society and politics in the State of Israel, a relatively new state in a very old land, and one, which despite its small size, confronts many issues of general importance in political life.

Requirements for the course include a final examination and a choice of a mid-term examination or a modest research paper, roughly 10-15 pages in length. You need not decide between the two until the day of the mid-term. If you show up for the mid-term you will take the test and will not be able to opt for a paper. Should you not show up for the mid-term, you will have to write a paper. The mid-term will be given on Monday, October 22. Papers will be due Monday, December 3.

 Though not required, it is a good idea to consult with me on your paper topic. I can help you regarding feasibility, sources, form and substance. The recommended readings listed below could help you get started.

 My office hours are Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 in room 207, 611 Church Street. I can be reached at 763-4393 or at zvigitel@umich.edu.

 There is no required text for the course. A coursepack is available at Accu-Copy on William Street.

Reading Assignments

I. Political Culture and Ideology: Zionism


Recommended

David Vital, The Origins of Zionism
Ben Halpern, The Idea of the Jewish State
Walter Laqueur, A History of Zionism
Charles Liebman and Eliezer Don-Yehiya, Religion and Politics in Israel (Ch. 4)
Liebman and Don-Yehiya, Civil Religion in Israel
Jacques Kornberg, Theodor Herzl

II. Political Culture: The Yishuv and the Founding of the State


Recommended
Amos Elon, The Israelis: Founders and Sons
J.C. Hurewitz, The Struggle for Palestine
Moshe Lissak and Dan Horowitz, Origins of the Israeli Polity
Isaiah Friedman, The Question of Palestine: British-Jewish-Arab Relations
Rael Jean Isaac, Party and Politics in Israel
Yehuda Bauer, From Diplomacy to Resistance: A History of Jewish Palestine

III. The Institutional Structure


Recommended
S.N. Eisenstadt, Israeli Society
Asher Arian, ed., Israel—A Developing Society

IV. The Party System


3. Asher Arian, The Second Republic, Chs. 5 and 6 (pp. 103-177).
Recommended

Myron Aronoff, Israeli Visions and Divisions
Myron Aronoff, Power and Ritual in the Israeli Labor Party
Peter Medding, Mapai in Israel
Asher Arian, ed., The Elections in Israel, 1977

V. Political Leadership and Political Elites


3. Asher Arian, The Second Republic, Ch. 4 (pp. 73-102)


Recommended

Don Peretz, The Government and Politics of Israel
Moshe Dayan, Story of My Life
Abba Eban, Autobiography
Golda Meir, My Life
Menachem Begin, The Revolt
Yuval Elizur and Eliahu Salpeter, Who Rules Israel
Lester Seligman, Leadership in a New Nation
Yoram Peri, Between Battles and Ballots: Israeli Military in Politics
VI. Political Behavior


**Recommended**

Asher Arian, *The Choosing People*
Howard Penniman, ed., *Israel at the Polls*
Yael Yishai, *Land of Paradoxes: Interest Politics in Israel*
Abraham Diskin, *Elections and Voters in Israel*
Asher Arian and Michal Shamir, eds., *Habehirot beYisrael 1999*

VII. Political Socialization and National Integration


Recommended

Shlomo Deshen, Immigrant Voters in Israel
Dorothy Wilner, Nation Building and Community in Israel
Alex Weingrod, Israel: Group Relations in a New Society
Shlomo Deshen and Moshe Shokeid, The Predicament of Homecoming: Cultural and Social Life of North African Immigrants in Israel
Zvi Gitelman, Becoming Israelis

VIII. Ethnicity and Politics: Arabs in Israel


2. Ian Lustick, Arabs in the Jewish State, Chapters 4-7.


Recommended

Michael Curtis and Mordecai Chertoff, eds., Israel Social Structure and Change
Boas Evron, Jewish State or Israeli Nation?
David Grossman, Sleeping on a Wire: Conversations with Palestinians in Israel
Ori Stendel, The Arabs in Israel
Nadim Rouhana, Palestinians in an Ethnic Jewish State

IX. Ethnicity, Politics and Immigration

1. Zvi Gitelman, Becoming Israelis, pp. 18-115; 250-269; 295-304.


X. Religion and Politics


2. Charles Liebman and Eliezer Don-Yehiya, Religion and Politics in Israel, chapters 2 and 8.

3. Ian Lustick, For the Land and For the People: Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel, pp. 1-71; 177-184.


Recommended


Gary Schiff, Tradition and Politics: The Religious Parties of Israel

Ervin Bernbaum, The Politics of Compromise: State and Religion in Israel

Articles by Kevin Avruch, Daniel Elazar and Janet Aviad, and by Emanuel Guttmann, in Michael Curtis, ed., Religion and Politics in the Middle East

Norman Zucker, The Coming Crisis in Israel
XI. Domestic Factors in the Arab-Israeli Dispute


