

History 169/Political Science 169/Jewish Studies 169
Emory University, Fall 2000
History, Politics, and Diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION
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Lecture: M-W-F, 10:40-11:30, White Hall 205
Discussion: M-W-F, 11:45-12:35, White Hall 110
Office hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 a.m., or by appointment. For an appointment, always try e-mail first, kstein@emory.edu or call 7-4472. E-mail is preferred over Learnlink.

Course description: This course is an introductory survey to the history, politics, and diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The first half of the course will deal with the historical origins and development of the conflict to the establishment of Israel in May 1948. The second half will focus on more recent political, social and economic aspects of the conflict, including the evolution of Palestinian national identity, the 1956, 1967 and 1973 Middle East Wars, and the various diplomatic efforts aimed at resolving the conflict. Reading and analyzing documents related to the conflict's 100-year history is a central feature of the course. **Note:** Students who have taken History 369 or 370, or equivalent courses on the Arab-Israeli conflict at another university or institution, may not enroll in this course unless granted written permission by the instructor.

Readings: Documents book, selected readings on reserve, and purchased paperback books. The Stein/Lewis monograph noted below is not available at the bookstore; it will be provided to you without charge. Specially prepared for this course, the documents book will be distributed by the instructor to you for a cost of \$30.00. Cash or checks payable to the Middle East Research Program.

Bickerton, Ian, and Carla Klausner, [A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict](#), (Prentice Hall, 3rd edition, 1998).

Smith, Charles D., [Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict](#), (St. Martin's, 3rd edition, 1996).

Stein, Kenneth W., [Heroic Diplomacy: Sadat, Kissinger, Carter, Begin and the Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace](#), (Routledge, 1999).

Stein, Kenneth W., and Samuel W. Lewis, [Making Peace Among Arabs and Israelis: Lessons from Fifty Years of Negotiating Experience](#), (Washington, D.C., 1991). (To be handed out)

Grading: midterm (30%), discussion (20%), and final (50%).

Examinations will be given as follows: The mid-term examination will be given on Wednesday, October 18, 2000, from 10:40-11:30 a.m., and the final examination will be given on Thursday, December 14, 2000, from 8:30-11:00 a.m. Please note that no make-up examinations will be scheduled for the mid-term or the final. For the mid-term examination, please bring one large blue examination book. For the final, please bring two large blue examination books. Do not write on or in the blue books prior to either examination. If you wish to have either your final grade or final examination paper mailed to you, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard when you return your final. Be sure the postage is correct.

Examination books not returned by mail will remain in a box in front of my office for your collection until January 20, 2001. After that date, remaining examination books will be discarded.

General guidelines for class activities and scheduling: There will be three class lectures and one discussion section for each student per week. Attendance will be taken at discussion sections. You are encouraged to take a good set of lecture notes. To prepare for your examinations, integrate your notes with your assigned readings, discussion section remarks, and the documents. The purpose of the discussion sections is to review carefully the reading assignments, lecture notes, and documents covered weekly. Discussion sections are not meant to be merely question and answer sessions; they are meant to elicit discussion and encourage opinion about the historical documents which are central

to the course's content.

Please bring the Bickerton and Klausner book to every lecture and discussion class. Be sure to bring the Documents book to each discussion section. All articles marked * are at the reserve desk at Woodruff and are on a two-hour reserve use basis.

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September 1 and Week of September 3- Origins of the Conflict, Zionism, and Arab Nationalism in

Pre- and Post-World War I

September 1, course introduction and syllabus discussion

September 4, no classes, Labor Day

September 6, lecture only

September 8, lecture only

Readings:

B&K, pp. 1-43; and Smith, pp. 1-67.

*Mandel, Neville J., "Ottoman Policy and Restrictions on Jewish Settlement in Palestine: 1881-1908-- Part I," Middle Eastern Studies, October 1974, pp. 312-332.

Week of September 10 - The Palestine Mandate, 1920-1948 (I)

September 11, lecture only

September 13, lecture only

September 15, *Walls of Jerusalem* (90-minute movie), only

Readings:

B&K, pp. 43-66; and Smith, pp. 68-111.

*Horowitz, Dan, and Moshe Lissak, "Ideology and Politics in the Yishuv," The Jerusalem Quarterly, Winter 1977, pp. 12-26.

*Kolatt, Israel, "The Organization of the Jewish Population of Palestine and the Development of its Political Consciousness Before World War I," Studies in Palestine During the Ottoman Period, (Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 1975), pp. 211-245.

*Mattar, Philip, "The Mufti of Jerusalem and the Politics of Palestine," Middle East Journal, Vol. 42, No. 2, Spring 1988, pp. 227-240.

*Nashif, Taysir, "Palestinian Arab and Jewish Leadership in the Mandate Period," Journal of Palestine Studies, Vol. 6, 1977, pp. 113-121.

*Porath, Yehoshua, "The Palestinian-Arab Nationalist Movement," Palestinian Arab Nationalism, 1975, pp. 121-127.

Week of September 17 - The Palestine Mandate, 1920-1948 (II)

September 18, lecture and discussion

September 20, lecture and discussion

September 22, lecture and discussion

Readings:

B&K, pp. 67-114;

Smith, pp. 112-151.

*Shapira, Anita, "Conclusion: The Birth of the State," Land and Power: The Zionist Resort to Force, 1881-1948, (Oxford University Press, 1992), pp. 353-370 and 414-415.

*Stein, Kenneth W., "Palestine's Rural Economy, 1917-1939," Studies in Zionism, Vol. 8, No. 1, 1987, pp. 25-49.

Week of September 24 - The End of the Mandate, Armistice Negotiations, Israeli Nation-Building, and Emergence of the Palestinian Arab National Movement

September 25, lecture and discussion

September 27, lecture and discussion

September 29, lecture and discussion

Readings:

Smith, pp. 152-177.

*Khalaf, Issa, "The Reasons for the Disintegration of Palestinian Society with an Emphasis on the Persistence of Factionalism," Politics in Palestine, (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1991), pp. 231-248.

*Kolatt, Israel, "The Zionist Movement and the Arabs," Studies in Zionism, April 1982, pp. 129-157.

*Morris, Benny, "Origins of the Palestinian Refugee Problem," in Laurence J. Silberstein (ed.), New Perspectives on Jewish Studies, (New York: New York University Press, 1991), pp. 42-56.

Week of October 1 - Great Power Interests in the Middle East; the Cold War, the Suez War, and the June 1967 War

October 2, lecture and discussion

October 4, lecture and discussion

October 6, lecture and discussion

Readings:

B&K, pp. 115-160;

and Smith, pp. 178-205.

*Safran, Nadav, "America's Israel Connection," The Jerusalem Quarterly, Summer 1977, pp. 3-30.

*Rabinovich, Itamar, "The Suez-Sinai Campaign: The Regional Dimension," in S. I. Troen and M. Shemesh (eds.), The Suez-Sinai Crisis, 1956: Retrospective and Reappraisal, (New York: Columbia University Press), pp.162-171.

Week of October 8 - Attempted and Failed Diplomacy, 1967-1973

October 9, no class, Yom Kippur

October 11, lecture only

October 13, lecture only

Readings:

B&K, pp. 161-173;

Smith, pp. 206-226;

and Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 1-73.

*Ajami, Fouad, "The End of Pan-Arabism," Foreign Affairs, Winter 1978-1979, pp. 355-373.

Week of October 15 - The October 1973 War

October 16, no class, fall break

October 18, mid-term examination (Please bring one large unmarked blue book)

October 20, lecture only

Readings:

Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 74-96;

Stein and Lewis, Making Peace, pp. 1-8.

Week of October 22 - From the October 1973 War to the Carter Administration: Kissinger's Diplomatic Openings

October 23, lecture and discussion

October 25, lecture and discussion

October 27, lecture and discussion

Readings:

B&K, pp. 173-197;

Smith, pp. 226- 241;

Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 97-186.

Week of October 29 - The Carter Administration's Comprehensive Goals Lead to a Separate Egyptian Peace: How and Why?

October 30, lecture and discussion

November 1, lecture and discussion

November 3, lecture and discussion

[Note: This is the Friday before parents' weekend; parents are cordially invited to attend class and/or

the discussion section, even if Friday is not your regular discussion day.]

Readings:

B & K, pp. 197-212;

Smith, pp. 242-259;

Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 187-228.

Week of November 5 - The 1980s: The Decade of Not Getting Together: Reagan-Shultz, Shamir, Assad, Hussein, and Arafat; Lebanon and the Intifadah

November 6, lecture and discussion

November 8, lecture and discussion

November 10, lecture and discussion

Readings:

B&K, 213-247;

Smith, pp. 259-308.

*Garfinkle, Adam, "Getting it Right? U.S. Middle East Policy in Bush Administration," The Jerusalem Quarterly, Fall 1989, pp. 55-78.

Week of November 12 - Shaping a Productive Negotiating Environment: The Gulf War, The Madrid Peace Conference, Bi-lateral and Multi-lateral Talks

November 13, Special lecture and discussion, Former 39th President of the United States, President Jimmy Carter, "Recollections of Camp David."

[Please note that the class will begin as usual, however, President Carter will join it in progress; he will remain with us through 12:30 p.m. There will be no discussion section today. If you have class scheduled for 11:45 to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, seek an excuse from your teacher to remain in our class.]

November 15, lecture, no discussion

November 17, Dr. Marwan Muasher, Ambassador of Jordan to the United States, "Jordan's National and Regional Priorities after the Arab-Israeli Conflict."

Readings:

B&K, pp. 248-258;

Smith, pp. 308-317;

Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 229-268.

*Horowitz, Dan, "The Israeli Concept of National Security," in A. Yaniv (ed.), National Security and Democracy in Israel, (Boulder, 1993), pp. 11-53.

*Indyk, Martin, "Peace Without the PLO," Foreign Policy, Summer 1991, pp. 30-38.

Weeks of November 19 - PLO-Israeli Reconciliation, 1988-2000: Oslo I, Oslo II, and Beyond

November 20, lecture and discussion

November 22, lecture, no discussion

November 24, no lecture, Thanksgiving break

Readings:

B&K, pp. 259-282;

Smith, pp. 317-341;

Stein and Lewis, pp. 8-39.

*Garfinkle, Adam, "Israel and Palestine: A Precarious Partnership," The Washington Quarterly, Summer 1997, pp. 3-22.

Week of November 26 - The Jordanian-Israeli Peace Treaty, The Syrian-Israeli Track, and Egyptian-Israeli Relations

November 27, lecture and discussion

November 29, lecture and discussion

December 1, lecture and discussion

Readings:

B&K, pp. 283-320.

*Salame, Ghassan, "Inter-Arab Politics: Return of Geography," in William B. Quandt (ed.), The Middle East, Ten Years After Camp David, 1988, pp. 319-353.

*Stein, Kenneth, "Continuity and Change in Egyptian-Israeli Relations, 1973-1997," Israel Affairs, Spring/Summer 1997, pp. 296-320.

Week of December 3 - Camp David II and the Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations, 2000

December 4, lecture and discussion

December 6, lecture and discussion

December 8, lecture and discussion

Readings: B&K, pp. 315-320.

Week of December 10 - The Middle East Without an Arab-Israeli Conflict

December 11, lecture only

Thursday, December 14 - Final Examination, 8:30-11:00 a.m. in room 205 White Hall. Bring two large and unmarked blue books.