Colonization and Nationalism:
Jewish settlement in Palestine-Israel, 1882-1948

191L-3/201R Undergraduate-graduate seminar
Spring semester, Wednesday 3-5:50 pm

Office hours:
Monday: 11.00a.m-1.00 p.m.
Wednesday: 12.00-1.00 p.m.

The seminar deals with the Jewish colonization in Palestine during the first half of the 20th century, focusing on issues relating to the interrelations between nationalism, immigration and colonization, such as: what distinguished the Zionist orchestrated settlement policy? To what extent did national settlement resemble imperial colonization? Did immigration dictate or had it been dictated by the national settlement policy? How much was the national enterprise involved with socialism? What where the mutual impacts between national colonization and the Arab-Jewish conflict?
The seminar will be based on intensive individual readings of the students, and each session will be opened by students’ presentations. Each student will have to submit by the end of the semester a seminar paper of about 20-30 pages (graduate) or 10-15 (undergraduate), which will be worked out under the guidance of the teacher.

April 2, 08
Introduction
Nationalism, colonization, and colonialism
Jewish Migration in Modern Times
Jewish pre-national settlement in Palestine
Readings:
Schmelz, “Migration”

2. April 9, 08
The beginning of national settlement
The origins of Zionism
The First Aliyah
Historical debates:
National settlement?
Social and political implications
Readings:
Aaronson, “Baron Rothschild and the Initial Stage of Jewish Settlement in Palestine
Avineri, The Making of Zionism (first chapter)
Ben Porat “Immigration, Proletarianization and Deproletarianization
Ettinger and Bartal. “The First Aliyah"
3. April 16, 08
**The Beginnings of national settlement policy**
- Zionist official involvement
- The Second Aliyah
- Historical debates:
  - The origins of cooperative settlement
  - National-political aspects
  - Social aspects

**Readings:**
- Almog. "Was Herzl a Jewish nationalist?"
- Gross, "Herzl’s Economic Vision",
- Herzberg, *The Zionist Idea*:
  - Theodor Herzl, pp. 199-231, especially, 199-204, 220-226
  - Ahad Ha-Am, pp.247-277, esp. 247-251, 262-277
- Kark, article by Shiloni
- Penslar, "Herzl, Zionism"
- Penslar, “The Origins”
- Penslar, *Zionism and Technocracy*
- Shafir, *Land, Labor and the Origins of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*

4. April 23, 08
**The post-WWI shaping of Zionist immigration and settlement policy**
- The new status and the National Home
- Brandeis-Weizmann controversy
- The concept of “national capital,” the National Fund, and Palestine Foundation Fund

**Readings:**
- Berlin, “The Weizmann-Brandeis Dispute”
- Halpern, *A Clash of Heroes*
- Metzer, “Economic Structure and National Goals

**Sources:** Metzer, National Capital – sources on web

5. April 30, 08
**National Land acquisition policy**
- Territorial, political and strategic considerations
- Practical implications:
  - Between private and public capital
  - The land market: Arab sellers-Jewish buyers

**Readings:**
- Amit, Economic and Zionist
- Metzer, economic structure
- Metzer, the divided economy
- Stein, the land question

**Sources:** Metzer, National capital
6. May 7, 08
**Agriculture versus urban settlement**

National Ideology
- National revival
- “Hebrew labor” principle

The praxis: Implications – geography and politics

**Readings:**
- Carmi, Immigration
- Cohen, Eric, The City in the Zionist Ideology
- Halpen and Reinhart, Zionism
- Helman, “East or West?”
- Mead, *Agricultural Development*
- Metzer, Economic structure
- Shimoni, the Zionist ideology

7. May 14, 08
**Socialism and private enterprise as factors in the Zionist settlement policy**

- “Constructive Socialism”
- “labor colonization”

Jewish agricultural settlement and its impact on the Arab-Jewish conflict

**Reading:**
- Amit, Economic and Zionist
- Gorny “The Historical
- Graicer, “The valley ”
- Kark (articles by Katz and by Oren)
- Sternhell, Founding
- Sternhell, response
- Weintraub, Moshava

8. May 21, 08
**National Settlement and immigration**

"selective" immigration policy

Settlement and absorption – was there an absorption policy?

Facing the Jewish plight in Europe

Transformation of settlement policy during the Fifth Aliyah in the 1930s

**Readings:**
- Beenstock, Metzer and Ziv. “Immigration and Jewish
- Carmi, “Immigration, Urbanization and Crisis
- Reichman et al., The absorptive capacity
9. May 28, 08
Challenges and alternatives
  The Revisionist version of ‘colonization regime’
  The American approach:
    The Brandeis circle – PEC
    The extended Jewish Agency and the Joint Survey Commission

Readings:
Kark, article by Amit
Shavit, Jabotinsky
Shimoni, chapter on Revisionism
Sources: Joint Palestine Survey Commission

10. June 4, 08
Settlement and National Conflict: 1936 as a turning point
  Shift of focus: Strategic considerations
  Jewish colonization and national separation
  The shaping of national borders

Readings
Bernstein, Constructing Boundaries
Lustick, article by Galnoor
Gorny, Zionism and the Arabs
Horowitz and Lissak. Origins of the Israeli Polity
Horowitz and Hinden, Economic survey
Katz, The Palestinian Mountain
Lockman
Metzer, divided
Metzer, Jointly
Shapira, ideology
Shapira, Land

11. June 11, 08
Conclusion and criticism:
  National revival and the Jewish plight
  National colonization and the Arab-Jewish conflict
  National colonization and colonialism

Readings:
Halpern and Reinhart, Zionism and the creation
Nathan, Gass and Creamer