The Arab-Israeli Conflict  
(Undergraduate elective course)

This course aims at examining the root causes of the Arab-Israeli conflict; the way it developed since the late 19th century with an emphasis on the Jewish-Palestinian confrontation during the British mandate (1917-1948), and the Arab-Israeli wars since 1948; and abortive and successful attempts to put an end to the conflict during the last forty years.

Course assignments:
  a) A review essay of 2000-2500 words on a topic to be decided. Due on October 11, 2007 (30% of final grade).
  b) Final multiple choice examination: (50% of final grade).
  c) Class active participation (20% of final grade).

Course description

1. Historical background: Arabs, Jews, and the emergence of the conflict in Palestine

Required Reading

Ian Bickerton and Carla L. Klausner, A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict (Prentice-Hall, NJ, 2001), 1-34.

Alan Dowty, Israel/Palestine, (Malden, MA: Polity, 2005), 1-68.

Recommended Reading


2. Palestine between two World Wars: 1914-1939

**Required Reading**


**Recommended Reading**


Mark Tessler, *A History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, --------

3. The Jewish Holocaust, the Palestinian Naqba, the establishment of Israel, and the making of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: 1939-1949

**Required Reading**


**Recommended Reading**


4. The consolidation of the conflict: 1949-1956

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Dowty, *Israel/Palestine*, 137-156.

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12. The Arab-Israeli conflict: lessons from the past, perspectives for the future
