

M184D History of the State of Israel from 1948 to the Present

Winter quarter, Undergraduates lecture course

Monday and Wednesday, 3.30-4.45 p. m

Midterm paper 6 pp. (35%)

End-term exam. (65%)

This lecture course will survey the history of Israel, starting with its forerunners – the Zionist movement and the Jewish national home in Palestine under the British Mandate. We shall survey political, social, economic, and cultural developments, focusing on unresolved issues, such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the relations between state and religion, the absorption of mass immigration and the question of multiculturalism, and the stance of Israel in the international arena and the Jewish world. The readings accompanying the lectures represent a variety of interpretations and up-to-date studies. The lectures will strive to evaluate the different attitudes and will be followed by discussions based on the weekly readings of the students. Some of the lectures will be accompanied by source materials, analyzed prior to, or in the class

Part I: Origins**1/7/08****1a. Jewish Nationalism, Zionism and Eretz Israel****Readings:**

- Avineri, Zionism (12)
- Halpern and Reinhartz, Zionism and the Creation (17)

1/9/08**1b The Palestine Mandate and the National Home****Readings:**

- Heller, The Birth (17)

Sources:

- The Balfour Declaration
- The Mandate terms
- Mandatory Palestine Map

1/14/08**2a. Immigration, Settlement, and the Making of the Yishuv****Readings:**

- Horowitz and Lissak, The Origins, chap. 2 (20)

1/16/08**2b. Political and Institutional Consolidation****Readings:**

- Horowitz, Before the State (47)
- Aronoff, The Origins of Israeli Political Culture (28)

1/21/08

3a. The Arab-Jewish-British Conflict

Readings:

- Garfinkel, Genesis (33)
- Kolatt, The Zionist movement and the Arabs (30)

1/23/08

3b. WWII and the Holocaust as factors in the Foundation of the State

Readings:

- Bauer, Yehuda. The Impact of the Holocaust (8)
- Friesel, Eviatar. The Holocaust: Factor in the Birth of Israel? (25)

Part II: The State of Israel until 1967

1/28/08

4a New Borders and the Arab Refugees Problem

- Reichman, Partition and transfer (11)
- Morris, The Origins (15)
- Shapira, *Land and Power*: Conclusion. (18)

Sources:

Maps of Partition plan and of the Armistices Line

1/30/08

4b Mass Immigration: Social and Economic Challenge

Readings:

- Lissak, The Demographic Social Revolution (32)
- Gross, The Economic Regime during Israel's First Decade (12)

2/4/08+2/6/08

5a+b. Israeli Democracy: Legacies and New Challenges

Readings:

- Dowty, Israel's First Decade: Building a Civic State (20)
- Reinharz, The Transition (15)
- Gorny, The Zionist Movement and the State of Israel
- Friedman, The Structural Foundation (32 pp.)

2/11/08

6a The Problem of Israeli Arabs

- Peretz, Early State Policy (21 pp.)
- Lustick, Zionism and the State of Israel (17)

2/13/08

6b The "6 Days War" in June 1967 as a Turning Point

Readings:

- Naor, "Behold, Rachel, behold" (22)
- Aran, A mystic-messianic (13)

Sources:

A map of the occupied territories

Part III: 1967 to the Present – a Thematic Analysis

2/18/08

7a Israel and the Occupied Territories

- Dowty, A question that outweighs all others (26)
- Newman, A comparative study of Gush Emunim and Peace Now (22)

2/20/08

7b The Israeli Arabs between Israeli Citizenship and Palestinian Nationalism

- Al-Haj, The Status of the Palestinians in Israel (18)

2/25/08

8a State and Religion, Democracy and Judaism

- Engelard, Law and Religion (24)
- Liebman, Religion and Democracy (20)

2/27/08

8b. The Jewish State and the Jewish World

- Kimmerling, Between "Alexandria-on-the-Hudson" (37)
- Zweig, Ronald. Israel-Diaspora Relations (23)

3/3/08

9a. The Transition from Socialism to Capitalism

Readings:

- Plessner, *The Political Economy of Israel* (introduction + conclusion)

3/5/08

9b. Social-Ethnic Challenges Old and New

- Lissak, Ideological and Social Conflicts (18)
- Goldscheider, Israel's Changing Society (9)
- Gitelman, Zvi. The "Russian Revolution" (14)

3/10/08

10a Israeli Culture and Identity: Judaism and Zionism

- Even-Zohar, The Emergence of a Native Hebrew (18)
- Dror, From "Negation of the Diaspora" to "Jewish Consciousness" (25)

3/12/08

10b Conclusion: Internal and External challenges

- Penslar, Derek J. Normalization and its Discontents (27.)
- Rebhun, Major (17)
- Dowty, Israel: from Ideology (33)

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