Israel-Jordan Relations, The Friendly Foes
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This course deals with the crystallization and development of relations between the Zionist movement (later, the State of Israel) and the Emirate of Transjordan (later the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan).
It focuses on the mutual and particular interests of the parties to maintain political (albeit mainly discreet) ties that culminated in the peace accord of 1994.
The course endeavors to explore how and why Jordan remained the Arab state less hostile to Israel throughout most of the 20th century.

Required Reading.

All Available on Amazon

Course Requirements and grading
1. Attendance of classes and participation in discussions.
2. Reading assignments as indicated on syllabus. (1+2: 15%)
3. Mid-term Exam: 19 October 2009 (25%)
4. Final Exam (25%)
5. A 10-12 pages final paper (topics to be selected from a list that would be given on the first seminar meeting, 26 August), to be submitted on the last day
OUTLINE

August 26; August 28, August 31; **Introduction:** Palestine and Transjordan till World War I

**Reading**


September 2, September 4; The peace settlements, Mandates and the 'creation' of Transjordan Emirate

**Reading**


September 7; Labor Day

September 9, September 11, September 14; Palestine and Transjordan in the 1920s and the 1930s: Political and economic aspects.

**Reading**


Mary C. Wilson, pp. 103-115.

September 16, September 18, September 21; The Arab rebellion and World War II, Reading

Shlaim, Collusion, pp. 54-72.

Mary C. Wilson, pp. 115-150.

September 23, September 25; Intensification of annexation ambition: 1945-1947
Reading

Nevo, Abdallah, pp. 53-82.

Mary C. Wilson, pp. 151-170.


September 28: Yom Kippur

September 30, October 2, October 5; 1948: Shooting and talking
Reading


Nevo, Abdallah, pp. 172-182.


October 7, October 9, October 12; 1949-1950: Negotiations for a peaceful solution.
Reading

Shlaim, Collusion, pp. 513-549.

October 14, October 16; The 1950s.
Reading


October 19: Mid-Term Exam

October 21, October 23, October 26: The 1960s Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians (I)
Reading


October 28, October 31, November 2; 1967 and after: Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians (II).
Reading

Abu-Odeh, Jordanians, pp. 169-188.

Nevo, Perception, pp. 25-35.

Adam Garfinkle, *Israel and Jordan in a Shadow of War*, St. Martin's, New York, 1992, pp. 51-74

November 4, November 6, November 9; The 1970s: Negotiations continue.
Reading


November 11, November 13, November 16; The 1980s: In the shadow of the international conference; Intifada and Disengagement. 

Reading


Garfinkle, *Israel and Jordan*, pp. 145-162

November 18, November 20, November 23, November 25; The Israel-Jordan peace accord (1994); background and outcomes (till the demise of King Hussein).

Reading

Joseph Nevo, "Jordan, the Palestinians and the Al-Aqsa Intifada" *Civil Wars* Special issue on the Al-Aqsa Intifada, edited by Clive Jones and Ami pedahzur), Vol. 6 No. 2, Autumn 2003, pp. 70-83.

Mutayyam Al O’ran, *Jordanian-Israeli Relations; The peacebuilding Experience*, Routledge, London and New York, 2009, pp. 31-47


November 27; Thanks Giving

November 30, December 2, December 4; Jordan-Israel relations under King Abdullah II (Conclusion).

Reading
Al O’ran, *Jordanian-Israeli Relations*, pp. 31-47