The Palestinians between the Arab States and Israel
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Graduate seminar, Spring 2010
Tue. 5-8 pm. GAR 2.124
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The course discusses the history of the Palestinian Arab society since WWI, the emergence of its national movement and its struggle for nation building and for statehood. It examines Palestinians’ life, after 1948, under three regimes (Jordan, Egypt and Israel) as well as in their diasporas; their reemergence as a political factor in the 1960s and the 1970s and the political and military role they have played ever since. The course also focuses on the role of the Jewish community/Israel and that of the neighboring Arab states in shaping the Palestinians history and politics.

Course Textbook

Course Requirements and Grading

1. Attendance of classes and participation in discussions, reading assignments as indicated below. (25%)
2. A 10-12 pages seminar paper (list of topics is in the 'Course Assignments' on Blackboard), to be submitted through Tuesday, April 20th. (45%)
3. Final Exam. (30%)

OUTLINE
Part I: Up to 1948

I. 19 January: Background and Introduction: Arab Society in Palestine Before WWI.

Reading:

II. 26 January: **The Emergence of Arab Nationalism and of the Palestinian Arab National Movement**

**Reading:**

III. 2 February: **Political and Violent Activity in the 1920 and in the 1930s**

**Reading:**

IV. 9 February: **The Beginning of Arab States’ Involvement in Palestine**

**Reading**

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VI. 23 February: Economic and Social Development of the Palestinians under the British Mandate.

Reading
1. Khalaf, pp. 25-60.

VII. 2 March: The War of 1948 (Disintegration of Arab Society in Palestine and the beginning of the Refugee Problem

Reading

Part II 1948-1967

VIII. 9 March: The Palestinians under Jordan, Egypt and Israel’s Rule.

Reading
16 March : Spring Break

IX. 23 March: **Palestinians in the Arab World : Foundation of the PLO and its Early Activity (1964-1967)**

**Reading**

30 March : No class

Part III 1967-1993

X. 6 April: **The Palestinians After the Six Day War; The PLO in the 1970s**

**Reading**
5. Shemesh, pp. 306-315;

XI. 13 April: **The PLO in 1980s:**

**Reading**

XII. 20 April: **The Intifada, Jordan Withdraws its Claim to the West Bank; the Gulf War and the Madrid Conference.**

**Reading**
1. Shemesh, pp. 343-353.
3. Charles D. Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict,*
20 April: Last day for submission of final papers.

Part IV  After 1993

XIII.  27 April: *The Oslo Process, and after; the Al-Aqsa Intifada.*

**Reading**


XIV.  4 May April: **Conclusion**
2. The impact of the June 1967 war on the Arabs in Israel.
4. How and Why the PLO became internationally recognized in the mid-1970s.
5. The first *Intifada*: background, course and consequences.
7. Why and how the PLO and Israel reached a mutual recognition in 1993?