This course is an introductory survey of the history, politics and diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli conflict. There are no prerequisites. The first half of the course deals with the historical origins and development of the conflict to the end of the 1947-1949 war. Coverage includes introductions to modern Jewish and Arab histories, evolution of Zionism and Arab nationalism, demise of the Ottoman Empire, and the operation and demise of the British Mandate in Palestine. The second half of the course focuses on political, social and economic aspects of the conflict, the Cold War in the region, the evolution of Palestinian national identity, and Arab-Israeli wars and clashes from the early 1950s to the present. Considerable time will be devoted to UN, American, and European successes and failures in mediating the conflict and varying effects of Israeli and Palestinian domestic politics and inter-Arab relations upon the conflict. Topics at the end of the course will include coverage of the “Arab Spring,” efforts to delegitimize Israel, the unfolding Iran nuclear question, and prospects and viability of a two-state solution. Reading and analyzing documents, speeches and archival sources are central features of the course. **The course is based on 20 sessions of 75 minutes each.**

**Readings:** Documents mentioned in the syllabus and used in class are found in *History Politics, and Diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Source Document reader for College Courses and Adult Education*, (Atlanta, GA: The Center for Israel Education), Second Edition, June 2015. This e-book is required for the course and should be purchased at [https://israeled.org/product/arab-israeli-conflict/](https://israeled.org/product/arab-israeli-conflict/) This documents book may also be purchased in kindle format at Amazon.com.

Required books assigned for the course can be purchased online from a favorite book seller or at the Emory bookstore.


Document numbers listed in this syllabus refer to the documents by the same numbers that appear in the e-book History, Politics and Diplomacy of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Source Document Reader for College Courses and Adult Education. Assigned documents are marked with a D and with a number such as D5 and should be read by the Monday prior to its notation on the syllabus. The designation D plus a number refers to the document number to be read as it listed in the table of contents of the book. Merely click on to the assigned document number in the table of contents and you have the document before you.

*The articles below are required readings

At the end of the syllabus you will find general articles dealing with contemporary Middle East issues that go beyond the conflict. They are suggested readings, not required.

**Grading:** Midterm – Friday, **October 14, 2016** (40%) and Final - **December 8, 2016** (60%). No term papers are required in this course. Exams will be given in White Hall, Room 101. Please bring one large Blue Book to the mid-term examination and two large Blue Books to the final examination. There will be NO make-up examinations scheduled.
COURSE SYLLABUS

No classes will be held on the following days because they are national holidays, Emory vacation days, or religious holidays:

Monday, September 5, Labor Day
Monday, October 3, Rosh Hashanah
Monday, October 10, Fall Break
Wednesday, October 12, Yom Kippur

August 24, August 29 and August 31 - Origins of the Conflict and Political Cultures
   August 24 - Course Introduction and Background to the modern Middle East
   August 29 - The Setting in Palestine - Politics, Economics, and Society
   August 31 - Zionism and Arab Nationalism in Pre- and Post-World War I

Readings: Bickerton and Klausner (B&K), pp. 1-44; Indinopulos, pp. 1-122.


Map 1 Modern Middle East, Today
Map 2 Ottoman Empire, 1914
D 14 Working Class Conditions in Greater Syria, 1838 and 1873
D 15 Jewish Situation in Russia, 1893

September 5 - Labor Day no classes

September 7 - Great Powers, Zionists and Arabs, 1898-1922
Map 2 Ottoman Empire, 1914
D 16 The Jewish Question/the Jewish State 1896
D 20 Husayn-MacMahon, October 1915
D 21 Sykes-Picot, May 1916
D 22 Balfour Declaration, November 1917
D 25 (Zionists) Concerning the Arab Question, 1919-1920

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Week of September 12 - The Palestine Mandate, 1920-1939 (Part 1)
September 12 - Arab, British, Jewish Triangle
September 14 - The Land Question in Palestine


Map 3 Transjordan Separated from Palestine, 1921
D 23 “The Relationship of the Jews to the Arabs,” Der Jude, Arthur Ruppin
D 26 Weizmann-Feisal Agreement, January 1919
D 28 (British) Mandate for Palestine, July 1922
D 30 Arab Peasant Indebtedness, February 1930
D 31 Zirin Village Land Sales, August 1930
D 32 Zirin Village Land Sales, September 1930
D 33 Zirin Village Land Sales, October 1930
D36 Land Matters, Mr. Heinrich Margalith, Anglo-Palestine Bank to the Jewish Agency
D37 Arab Memorandum Handed to the High Commissioner for Palestine, 1935
D39 Peel Commission Report, Findings and Recommendations of the Royal Commission,
D41 Political Significance of Land Purchase,” Keren Kayemeth Liyisrael [JNF], 1937
D42 Arab Offers to Sell Lands to Jews (1931-1948)

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Week of September 19 - The Palestine Mandate, 1939 - 1948 (Part 2)
September 19 - Was there a Jewish State in 1939? What did the Palestinians know?
September 21 - Palestinian and Arab politics in the 1940s


*Cohen, Michael J. “Truman, the Holocaust, and the Establishment of the State of Israel,” The Jerusalem Quarterly 23 (Spring 1982), pp, 79-94.


D 45 Arab Leaders Meeting in Damascus, 1938
Week of September 26 - The End of the Mandate, Armistice Negotiations, Israeli Nation-Building, and Emergence of the Palestinian Arab National Movement

September 26 – The 1948 War, the Refugees and Absorption of Jews from Arab Lands
September 28 - Whose History, Whose Narrative, How the Story is Told and Received

Readings:


Map 10
D61 The Truman Doctrine, 1947
D62 USSR Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Andrei Gromyko on Partition, 1947
D65 Remarks by Abdulrahman Azzam Pasha on Partition, 1947
D66 Arab Reaction to the UN Special Committee on Palestine, 1947
D67 Zionist Attitude to the UN Special Committee on Palestine [UNSCOP], 1947
D68 UN General Assembly Resolution 181 Partition Plan, 1947
D69 Memorandum on Palestine, Policy Planning Staff to the Secretary of State, 1947
Week of October 3 - Great Power Interests in the Middle East; the Cold War, the Suez War and the June 1967 War
   October 3 – Arab Politics and the Palestine Question, 1945-1967 (No Class – Rosh ha’Shanah)
   October 7 – The Cold War and Prelude to the June War

Readings: B&K, pp. 116-159; Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 1-73; and Quandt, pp. 1-52.


D84 [UNRWA] for Palestine Refugees, Government of Canada Memorandum, 1951
D85 Menachem Begin on Whether to Accept Reparations from Germany, 1952
D86 Remarks by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, 1955
D87 Eisenhower Doctrine, Excerpts, 1957
89 Eisenhower White House News Statement on the Suez Crisis, Excerpts, 1957
D90 Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, News Conference on Suez Crisis, 1957
D91 Prime Minister Ben-Gurion Israel Relations with UN and US, 1957
D92 Menachem Begin on Arab Refugees, 1963
D93 PLO National Covenant, 1967

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October 10 - No class Fall Break
October 12 - No class Yom Kippur
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October 14 – MIDTERM - White Hall, Room 101
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Week of October 17- Attempted and Failed Diplomacy, 1967-1973
   October 17 – United Nations Resolution 242
October 19 – Political Conceptions and Prelude to the 1973 War


D97 Five Principles of Peace, U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1967
D98 Israel’s Alon Plan for the Future of the Territories, 1967
D100 Arab League Summit Resolutions, Khartoum, 1967
D102 UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 242, 1967
D103 PLO Rejecting UN Resolution 242, 1967
D110 Israeli Knesset Rejects of Jordan’s United Arab Kingdom Plan, 1972
D111 Palestine National Council (PLO), Political Program, 1973
D112 The “Galili Plan” Statement by the Israeli Labor Party on Settlements, 1973

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Week of October 24 - The October 1973 War, Beginning Successful Diplomacy

October 24 - Sadat: the Engine of a Diplomatic Option
October 26 - Disengagement Agreements, Promises, and the Brookings Paper


Maps 11-13
D114 UNSCR 338 on a Ceasefire and Direct Negotiations, 1973
D123 Opening Statements at the Geneva Conference on the Middle East, 1973
D124 Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. and Israel, 1974
D131 Rabat Arab League Summit Conference Resolutions, 1974
D133 UNGA Resolution 3236 on Palestinian Self-Determination, 1974
D140 U.S. Foreign Policy and Peace in the Middle East, Presentation by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Harold H. Saunders, 1975
D141 Brookings Institute Report: Toward Peace in the Middle East, 1975
D142 Conversation between Henry Kissinger and Saddun Hammadi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iraq, 1975
D143 US Statement on Occupied Territories by Ambassador William W. Scranton, 1976

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Week of October 31 - The Carter Administration's Comprehensive Goals Lead to a Separate Egyptian Peace: How and Why?
October 31 – The Carter White House vs. Begin and Sadat
November 2 - Camp David, the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty, and Autonomy Falters

Readings: B & K, pp. 192-209; Quandt, pp. 177-242; Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 187-228.

D146 President Jimmy Carter on Negotiated Middle East Peace, 1977
D147 Palestine National Council Political Declaration, 1977
D153 Egyptian Vice-President Tuhami and Israeli Foreign Minister Dayan Secret Talks, 1977
D158 Minutes of Secret Meeting, Moshe Dayan and Hussan Tuhami, 1977
D165 Camp David Accords, 1978
D167 Baghdad Arab Summit Resolutions, 1978
D168 Memorandum of Agreement, USA and Israel, 1979
D169 Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty, 1979

Week of November 7 - The 1980s: The Decade of Not Getting Together
November 7 – Decade of Not Getting Together (Hamas and the PLO)
November 9 – Negotiations, US Role, and US–Israeli Relationship

Readings: B&K, pp. 210-243; and Quandt, pp. 245-318.


D175 President Jimmy Carter’s State of the Union Address, 1980
D176 European Community, “Venice Declaration” on the Middle East, 1980
D181 MOU United States and of Israel on Strategic Cooperation, 1981
D184 Reagan Statement on the West Bank and the Palestinians, 1982
D194 Reagan on the Establishment of New Israeli Settlements, 1983
D224 Speech by Jordanian King Hussein on Jordan’s Separation from West Bank, 1988
D225 Hamas Charter, Islamic Resistance Movement of Palestine, 1988
D237 PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, Recognition of UN Resolutions 242 and 338, 1988
D247 Speech by U.S. Secretary of State James Baker before AIPAC, 1989


D269 Quotes from Hamas and Leaders of Islamic Jihad (1992-2009)
D270 Israeli-PLO Recognition Letters, 1993
D271 Oslo Accords Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, 1993
D276 Yasser Arafat Speech on “Jihad” for Jerusalem, 1994
D284 Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah, Hizballah leader, Rules out Peace with Israel, 1995
D287 Yitzhak Rabin’s Reasons for Signing the Oslo Accords, 1995
D299 President Clinton’s Remarks on the Sharm el-Sheikh Agreement, 2000
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Week of November 28 - The Bush II and Obama Administrations: Changes From and In the Region—Intifadah II, Settlements, 9/11 and Changing Palestinian and Israeli Politics, in the Shadow of Arab Spring, and Iran

November 30 – Wars in the Middle East, Stalling A-I negotiations?
December 2 – Arab Spring and Iran: Impact on the Arab-Israeli Conflict


D307 UNSCR 1397, Reaffirming Two-State Solution, 2002
D301 “The Future Itself is Dying,” – Middle East, George Bush, 2002
D317 Roadmap for Permanent Two-State Solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 2003
D351 UNSCR 1860, Two State-Solution, 2009
D384 President Obama’s Speech to the People of Israel, 2013
D404 Palestinian Foreign Minister ‘Never Recognize Jewish Character of Israel,’ 2014

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**Week of December 5 – (Last Day of Class) Dissecting Arab-Israeli Negotiations- What works? Solution and No Solution: Factors Favoring Either**

**Readings:** Stein and Lewis, *Making Peace*, (all).


**D415** Israeli Ambassador to UN Addresses UNGA, 2014  
**D420** Prime Minister Netanyahu’s Speech to Congress, 2015  
**D424** PM Netanyahu's Address to the Jewish Federations of North America, 2015  
**D425** President Obama on the Iran Nuclear Deal, 2015

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**Final Examination- December 8, 2016, 3:00-5:30pm, White Hall, Room 101**

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Articles on contemporary Middle Eastern issues—2016—not required==

