

## War and Peace in Israel and Palestine in the 20<sup>th</sup> century

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This course is divided in two parts; the first part is a history of the Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian conflict which follows a classic approach; it presents the international, historical and political developments which affected the region following a timeline from the origins of the conflict (early 20<sup>th</sup> century diplomatic settlements and the Mandates system) to its unfolding through the 1948 War and the other armed confrontations that followed, at the pace of one a decade. This first part is intended to provide students with knowledge of the area, of its history, of the influence of Home-Diaspora dynamics and of the historiographical debates that orient the production of knowledge on this topic. The first part of this course also aims at preparing students for the second part of the course, which is a history of Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian attempts at building peace (mainly from below) for the same length of time. In this respect, this course wants to show that, in the same way as there has been continuity in fighting wars in the region, there has also been a continuity in trying to build and spread peace. Both in its first and second part, this course will analyze from a historical perspective issues like the bi-national State vs. the two-State solution, secular vs. religious State, conscientious objection and the legitimacy of military order refusal, the strength of civil society vis-à-vis a strong State (Israel) or an absent State (Palestine), the question of the normalization of conflict and that of joint (Israeli and Palestinian) associationism. The course will also introduce the European perspective on both war and peace, focusing on the cultural, political and international aspects of Europe's involvement. In class we will also "do history" reading and discussing primary sources (governmental papers, international agreements, civil society declarations, etc) and other texts, Israeli and Palestinian songs, movies, cartoons, political leaflets, political stickers etc.

Students will be evaluated as follows:

50 % Final written exam (answer three questions in 2hrs and 45 minutes)

35 % Mid-term written exam (answer two questions in 2hrs and 45 minutes)

15 % Engagement and participation in class

### Part One: WAR

Date	<b>1</b>	Presentation of the course <b>The origins</b> of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict The First World War and the Mandates System Arabs and Jews during the British Mandate (1922-1948)
Date	<b>2</b>	<b>The War of 1948</b> Military operations Individual and Collective Trauma The birth of the Palestinian refugee problem History, historiography and memory
Date	<b>3</b>	<b>The 1950s</b> Jewish immigration into Israel from Arab countries Border Wars The Suez War – the end of European influence.
Date	<b>4</b>	<b>The 1960s</b> The Eichmann Trial The Six Day War and its consequences (domestic, regional, international) The War of Attrition The (re-)foundation of the PLO

Date	5	<b>The 1970s</b> Black September The Yom Kippur War The foundation of Gush Emunim The 1977 Election Results Peace Treaty with Egypt
Date	6	<b>The 1980s and 1990s</b> The Lebanon War Sabra and Shatila The First Intifada The DOP at Oslo Jewish immigration from the former Soviet Union and from Ethiopia into Israel

Date	7	MID-TERM
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## Part Two: Building PEACE

Date	8	<b>The British Mandate</b> Martin Buber The Brit Shalom – the Binational State
Date	9	<b>The 1950s</b> After the Suez War: the foundation of “New Outlook” The Florence Mediterranean Colloquia Comparative scenarios: Algeria; Cyprus
Date	10	<b>After 1967</b> The ‘Movement for Peace and Security’ Lova Eliav Matti Peled The Rehovot Group “New Outlook” after 1967
Date	11	<b>The 1970s</b> Civil society and State The protests of ‘Our Israel’ Motti Ashkenazi Abie Nathan “The Black Panthers” “Emda” “Peace Now” (1978) The Camp David Accords (1979) Competing for political space: ‘Gush Emunim’ and ‘Peace Now’
Date	12	<b>The 1980s</b> The “Committee Against the War in Lebanon”/”Yesh Gvul”/”Parents against Silence” Sabra and Shatila – “Peace Now” European Diasporas and the Lebanon War Emil Grunzweig Religious opposition: ‘Oz ve-Shalom’ The ‘Comité Palestine et Israel Vivront’ (Committee Palestine and Israel shall live) Said Hammami, Issam Sartawi Ury Avnery
Date	13	<b>Post-Intifada</b> Peace Committees and peace groups

		The Madrid Peace Conference Women's activism
Date	14	<b>After Oslo</b> Peace-making and peace building Who pays for peace?

Date	15	FINAL
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Book:

Gelvin J.L., *The Israel-Palestine Conflict: One Hundred Years of War*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, New York, 2007.

The reader will be composed of chapters from books and articles listed below

A) Chapters from books:

Bar-On M., *In Pursuit of Peace. A History of the Israeli Peace Movement*, United States Institute of Peace Press, Washington, D.C., 1996.

Burg A., *The Holocaust is Over; We Must Rise from Its Ashes*, Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2008.

Cleveland W.L., *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Boulder, CO, Westview Press, 2009.

Lee Y. (ed.), *The Psychology of Ethnic and Cultural Conflict*, Praeger, Westport, Conn., 2004

Schindler C., *A History of Modern Israel*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, New York, 2008.

Shafir G. and Peled Y., *Being Israeli. The Dynamics of Multiple Citizenship*, Cambridge University Press, New York, Cambridge, 2002

Shenhav Y., *The Arab Jews. A Postcolonial Reading of Nationalism, Religion and Ethnicity*, Stanford University Press, Stanford, 2006.

Simoni M., *At the Margins of Conflict. Arabs and Jews in British Palestine (1922-1948)*, Cafoscarina, Venezia, 2010.

Zerubavel Y., *Recovered Roots. Collective Memory and the Making of Israeli National Tradition*, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1995.

B) Articles

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Brog M., *Victims and Victors: Holocaust and Military Commemoration in Israel Collective Memory*, «Israel Studies», 8 (3), 1982.

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Feige M., *Rescuing the Person from the Symbol: "Peace Now" and the Ironies of Modern Myth*, History & Memory, 11 (1), 1999.

Greenberg J., *Generations of Memory: Remembering Partition in India/Pakistan and Israel/Palestine*, «Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East», 25 (1), 2005.

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Al-Husseini J., *UNRWA and the Palestinian Nation-Building Process*, «Journal of Palestine Studies», 29 (2) 2000.

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- Sacco, *Palestine*, Fantagraphics Books, Seattle, 1993
- Sacco J., *Footnotes in Gaza*, Metropolitan Books/Henry Holt & Company, 2009
- Sa'di A.H., *Catastrophe, Memory and Identity: Al-Nakbah as a Component of Palestinian Identity*, «Israel Studies», 7 (2), 1981
- Salam A.N., *Between Repatriation and Resettlement. Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon*, «Journal of Palestine Studies», 24 (1), 1994.
- Slater J., *Lost Opportunities for Peace in the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, «International Security» 27 (1), 2002.
- Shain Y., *The Role of Diasporas in Conflict Perpetuation or Resolution*, «SAIS Review», 23 (2), 2002.
- Tovias A., *Mapping Israel's Policy Options Regarding Its Future Institutionalised Relations with the European Union*, Working Paper n. 3, CEPS, January 2003.
- Tydor Baumel-Schwartz J., *The Lives and Deaths of Female Military Casualties in Israel During the 1950s*, in «Israel Studies», 14, (2) 2009.
- Yuval-Davis N., *Front and Rear. The Sexual Division of Labor in the Israeli Army*, «Feminist Studies» 11 (3), 1985

### C) Films and documentaries

- Folman A., *Waltz with Bashir*, 2008
- Gitai A., *Kippur*, 2000
- Gitai A., *Kedma*, 2002
- Kolirin E., *Ha-bikur shel ha-tismoret*, (The visit of the orchestra), 2007
- Moghrabi A., *Happy Birthday Mr. Moghrabi* (1999)
- Operation Focus, BBC (youtube.com)
- Samir, *Forget Baghdad: Jews and Arabs – The Iraqi Connection*, 2002
- Sivan E, Braunman R., *The Specialist*, 1999
- Voice of Peace (youtube.com)