

History 335: Arab-Zionist Relations

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Course Content :

This course explores the history of relations between Jews who established a Jewish state in Palestine and the indigenous Palestinian Arab population, and considers the international component of this turbulent relationship. The course begins in the latter part of the nineteenth century and ends with the contemporary situation in Israel/Palestine. Topics addressed include: the long history that contributes to the contemporary conflict in Israel/Palestine; the first waves of Zionist immigration to Palestine; Arab-Zionist relations during the British Mandate; the 1948 war and the establishment of the state of Israel; the Palestinian refugee crisis; the Cold War rivalry and the wars of 1956, 1967, 1973; the Lebanese conflict(s) and the Intifadas; and, the efforts to broker peace between the two sides.

Methods: The format of this course will include lectures, in-class discussions, viewing documentary films and movie excerpts, and student presentations.

Required Reading:

Charles D. Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A History with Documents, 6th ed.*
Chesin, Hutman, Melamed, *Separate and Unequal: The Inside Story of Israeli Rule in East Jerusalem.*

Jimmy Carter, *Peace Not Apartheid*

Evaluation:

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| Reading Analyses (5) | 15 % |
| Discussion Questions | 5% |
| Mid-term Exam | 15 % |
| Research paper | 25 % |
| Final Exam | 25 % |
| Participation | 15 % |
| TOTAL: | 100% |