



# Course program and reading list

Semester 2 Year 2020

**School:** Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy M.A

Research Seminar: Regional Palestinian Politics

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<b>Course No.:</b>	<b>Course Type :</b>	<b>Weekly Hours :</b>	<b>Credit:</b>
24292	Lecture	4	4

<b>Course Requirements :</b>	<b>Group Code :</b>	<b>Language:</b>
Final Paper	202429201	English

**Prerequisites**

**Students who took one of the courses listed below will not be allowed to register to the course Research Seminar: Regional Palestinian Politics (24292):**

24146 - Research Seminar: Negotiating Core Issues in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

24151 - Research Seminar in Contemporary Topics in International Terrorism

24225 - Research Seminar: dynamics of power and Technology

24272 - Research Seminar: Governance and Political Violence

24291 - Russia and Russian Foreign Policy

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## Course Description

**The research seminar** will deal with topics related to the regional aspects of the Palestinian politics and to the negotiation-process of the Israeli Arab conflict, with emphasis on the Israeli-Palestinian aspects.

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## Course Goals

**Sessions** are held once a week on Wednesday 13:45- 17:00 Attendance is mandatory as classes overlap only in part with material from the assigned readings. One cannot expect the readings to provide an adequate substitute for class participation and discussion. The first six meetings will cover key issues and concepts to improve our modes of thinking and understanding Palestinian politics with regard to International and Middle East politics. Towards the mid semester the seminar will divide into five discussion groups. Each group will lead a discussion including presentation, in relation to: a) the attitudes, positions and conduct of the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Hamas towards a political dialogue or (b) Peace negotiation initiatives (Camp David, 2000, The Arab Peace Initiative).

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## Grading

Towards the mid semester the seminar will divide into five discussion groups. Each group will lead a discussion including presentation, in relation to: a) the attitudes, positions and conduct of the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Hamas towards a political dialogue or (b) Peace negotiation initiatives (Camp David, 2000, The Arab Peace Initiative). Every student's performance and contribution to the discussion will represent **20% of the final grade**. Students are expected to submit a 1-2-page paper, at the beginning of each class, from week 7 onwards (20.5), related to the subject to be raised in the discussion. **The papers represent 20% of the final grade**

**Final Paper:** Each student is expected to submit a final seminar paper of 10-15page paper, 1.5 spaced, font 12 Times New Roman, with standard margins and academic sources and citations from the syllabus and beyond. The paper should be based on the conceptual frameworks developed and relevant material discussed during the course. The final paper represents 60% of the final grade.

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## Lecturer Office Hours

By appointment

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## Tutor Office Hours

By appointment

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## Teaching Assistant

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## Reading List

The readings for each week are listed on the attached course schedule. Since the sessions are intended partially to provide a forum for discussion of assigned readings, one should make a point of completing mandatory requirements and reflecting about the week's reading before each session. It is highly recommended to follow the current events in the Middle East relating to the Palestinian community and organizations as published in international and regional sites and newspapers.

### **Electronic sources for continuous updating throughout the course:**

<http://carnegieendowment.org/sada/>; [www.thearabist.com](http://www.thearabist.com); [www.aljazeera.com](http://www.aljazeera.com);  
<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/>; <http://foreignpolicy.com/>; <http://mebriefing.com/>; [www.al-monitor.com](http://www.al-monitor.com); <http://www.jadaliyya.com/>

### **Weeks 1 & 2: Palestine and the Palestinians – 25.3-1.4.2020**

- James L. Gelvin, *The Israel-Palestinian Conflict*, Cambridge University Press, 2005, Chs.6-7.
- Khalidi, Rashid, *The Iron Cage*, Oneworld Publication, 2006, Introduction, Chs. 1,2.

### **Weeks 3 & 4: The Road Map of Palestinian Politics- 22.4.-29.4.2020**

- Ismael, Tareq Y. and Jacqueline S. Ismael. 2012. *Government and Politics of the Contemporary Middle East: Continuity and Change*. New York: Routledge. Ch.8.
- Shaul Mishal, *West Bank/ East Bank*, Yale University Press, 1978, chs.1-3, 6.

### **Week 5: Concepts and Perceptions – 6.5.2020**

\* Shaul Mishal & Eliran Bar-El, *The Communal Dimensions of the Arab Spring: State and Non-State Logics in Current Middle East Politics* (forthcoming)

### **Optional:**

- Mishal, Shaul and Morag, Nadav, *Political Expectations and Cultural Perceptions in the Arab-Israeli Peace Negotiations*. *Political Psychology*, 23 (2), 325-353.

[http://www.shaulmishal.com/pdf/sm\\_academic\\_01.pdf](http://www.shaulmishal.com/pdf/sm_academic_01.pdf)

### **Week 6: Borders in Conflict- 13.5.2020**

Guest lecturer: **Dr. Shaul Arieli**

- Shaul Arieli, *A Border Between Us*, Ydith Aharonot, 2018, Chs. 2,3, pp.58-72.

#### **Optional:**

- Pundak, Ron and Shaul Arieli. 2001. *The Territorial Aspect of the Israeli-Palestinian Permanent Status Negotiations*. Newsweek and the Washington Post.  
<http://www.shaularieli.com/77951/The-political-process-with-the-Palestinians>

#### **Groups Discussions**

### **Week 7-8: Palestinian Nationalism: The PLO, the PA and the International Community**

**20.5-27.5.2020**

- Shaul Mishal, *The PLO under Arafat*, Yale University Press, 1986, Chs.1,2.
- Nigel Parsons, *The Politics of the Palestinian Authority*, Routledge, 2005,

Ch. 2, pp. 17-53.

- *A Time to Lead: The International Community and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, ICG, International Crisis Group, Middle East Report no. 1, 10 April 2002.
- *After Arafat? Challenges and Prospects*, ICG, Middle East Briefing 23, December, 2004.
- *Ruling Palestine II: The West Bank Model?* ICG Middle East Report No. 79, 17 July 2008.
- *Palestine: Salvaging Fatah*, ICG, Middle East Report No.91-12 November 2009.

### **Week 9-10: The Palestinian Islam: Hamas 10.6-1.7.2020**

- -Shaul Mishal & Avraham Sela, *The Palestinian Hamas*, Columbia, 2006, Preface (2006), Introduction, ch.1-2, 6.
- Tristan Dunning, *Islam and resistance: Hamas, ideology and Islamic values in Palestine*,

*Critical Studies on Terrorism*, Volume 8, 2015 - Issue 2

- *Ruling Palestine, I: Gaza Under Hamas*, **ICG**, Middle East Report N°73 - 19 March 2008
- *Radical Islam in Gaza*, ICG, Middle East Report N°104 - 29 March 2011
- Beverley Milton-Edwards, "The Concept of Jihad and the Palestinian Islamic Movement: A Comparison of Ideas and Techniques", *British Journal of Middle*

Eastern Studies, Vol. 19, No. 1, 1992, pp. 48-53.

- Peter Mandaville and Shadi Hamid, "The Rise of Islamic Soft Power, Religion and Foreign Policy in the Muslim World" Foreign Affairs, December 7, 2018

**Optional:**

- Inside Gaza: The Challenge of Clans and Families, ICG, Middle East Report N°71 – 20 December 2007
- Nathan Thrall, Quick thoughts on the Gaza Strip one year after Israel's operation Protective Edge, Jadaliyya, 7 July 2015. [http://reviews.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/22096/quick-thoughts\\_nathan-thrall-on-the-gaza-strip-one](http://reviews.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/22096/quick-thoughts_nathan-thrall-on-the-gaza-strip-one)
- -Nathan Thrall, Hamas's Chances, London Review of Books, Vol. 36, No. 16, Aug 21, 2014.
- After Mecca: Engaging Hamas, ICG, Middle East Report N°62 – 28 February 2007
- Sara Roy, Hamas and Civil Society in Gaza, Princeton UP, 2011, ch.3-4, pp. 51-96.

**Week 11: The Oslo Accords (1993) 24.6.2020**

- Israel-PLO Recognition – Exchange of Letters between PM Rabin and Chairman Arafat:

<http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/Peace+Process/Guide+to+the+Peace+Process/Israel-PLO+Recognition+-+Exchange+of+Letters+betwe.htm>

- Declaration of Principles – <http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/Peace+Process/Guide+to+the+Peace+Process/Declaration+of+Principles+-+Main+Points.htm>
- Barak, Oren. 2005. The Failure of the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process, 1993-2000. Journal of Peace Research, 42 (6), 719-736.
- Pundak, Ron. 2001. From Oslo to Taba: What Went Wrong? Survival, 43 (3), 31-45.

**Optional:**

Abbas, Mahmoud (Abu Mazen). 1995. Through Secret Channels. London: Garnett, Chs. 1, 8-9.

**Week 12: The Arab Peace Initiative (2002)**

Guest lecturer: Prof. Ilai Alon

- The Arab Peace Initiative. 2007. Palestine-Israel Journal, 14 (4).
- Muasher, Marwan. 2008. The Arab Center: The Promise of Moderation. New Haven: Yale University Press, pp. 102-133.
- Podeh, Elie. 2003. From Fahd to 'Abdullah: The Origins of the Saudi Peace Initiatives and their Impact on the Arab System and Israel. Jerusalem: Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- Fishman, Henry and Ephraim Lavie. 2010. The Arab Peace Initiative (March 2002), in The Peace Process: Seventeen Plans in Ten Years – An assessment of the initiatives to resolve the Israeli Palestinian conflict over the past decade. Palestinian Center for Strategic

Studies, The Peres Center for Peace, pp. 43–50. [http://www.upsite.co.il/uploaded/files/1339\\_e72d9b241ada1a51328fe21fe6b9795f.pdf](http://www.upsite.co.il/uploaded/files/1339_e72d9b241ada1a51328fe21fe6b9795f.pdf)

**General Sources:**

Fishman, Henry and Ephraim Lavie. 2010. The Peace Process: Seventeen Plans in Ten Years – An assessment of the initiatives to resolve the Israeli Palestinian conflict over the past decade. Palestinian Center for Strategic Studies, The Peres Center for Peace. [http://www.upsite.co.il/uploaded/files/1339\\_e72d9b241ada1a51328fe21fe6b9795f.pdf](http://www.upsite.co.il/uploaded/files/1339_e72d9b241ada1a51328fe21fe6b9795f.pdf)

Ben-Ami, Shlomo. 2006. Scars of War, Wounds of Peace. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Ben-Porat, Guy (ed.). 2008. The Failure of the Middle East Peace Process. New York: Palgrave.

Brown, Nathan. 2003. Palestinian Politics After the Oslo Accords. Berkeley: California University Press.

Golan, Galia. 2007. Israel and Palestine: Peace Proposals and Plans from Oslo to Disengagement. Princeton: Markus Wiener Publishers.

Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Israel-Palestinian Negotiations. Available at: <http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/peace%20process/guide%20to%20the%20peace%20process/israel-palestinian%20negotiations>.

Lesch, David. 2008. The Arab-Israeli Conflict. London: Oxford University Press.

Meital, Yoram. 2006. Peace in Tatters: Israel, Palestine, and the Middle East. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.

Matthews, Elizabeth (ed.). 2011. The Israel-Palestine Conflict: Parallel Discourses. Abingdon, Oxon, New York: Routledge.

Sher, Gilead. 2006. The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Negotiations, 1999–2001. New York: Routledge.

Quire, Ahmed (Abu Ala). 2006. From Oslo to Jerusalem. New York: I.B. Tauris.