



# Course program and reading list

Semester 2 Year 2022

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

## Public Diplomacy: Israel's Challenges at the UN

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24248	Lecture	2	2

<b>Course Requirements :</b>	<b>Group Code :</b>	<b>Language:</b>
Final Paper	222242480	English

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### Course Description

**Public Diplomacy: Against all Odds? Israel's challenges at the UN**  
**Prof. Ambassador Ron Prosor**

Ever since its inception in 1945, the United Nations played a significant role in international politics. While officially promoting three main goals - maintaining peace and security, promoting social and economic development and promoting human rights, the UN has also become a controversial body, often causing damage to the very same ideals it wishes to promote. With 193 member states, 6 official languages and dozens of offices around the world, the UN is a bureaucratic body, often occupied with proceedings and agendas that leave little time for meaningful, efficient conduct.

**"Public Diplomacy: Israel's Challenges at the UN"** - Provides you, the students, an in-depth look at the different UN organs, the different players in the arena, their governing interests and decision-making processes in order to understand the matrix of Israel's challenges on this international stage.

Throughout the semester, Prof. Ambassador Ron Prozor, former Israeli Ambassador to the UN, former CEO of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Current head of the Abba Eban Institute for International Diplomacy, will share with his students his insights from the playing field, sharing with them his unique **doctrine on operating in the International arena**, that is comprised of engagement, negotiations, and diplomatic entrepreneurship.

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## Course Goals

This course is NOT an introduction to the UN, but rather **a deep-dive into the complexities of the UN system**, its inherent bias against Israel and the various political and diplomatic mechanisms in the organization. In this course, you will explore various case-studies of Israel's unique position in international organizations and will engage in class **discussions, presentations**, professional **workshops** and **hands-on practice** that culminate in a unique **final simulation** - all to give you a rare 'behind the scenes' glimpse into the world's largest diplomatic theatre - the UN.

### Core requirements:

- **Active participation** and presentation in class.
  - **Mandatory reading in preparation for class** - as most of the course is based on class discussion and workshops.
  - **Adhering to your assigned POV throughout the semester** - in preparation for mid-term and final simulation, you will be assigned a singular POV from which you will analyze and criticize events, materials and scenarios throughout the semester.
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## Grading

- Class presentation - **25%**
- Mid-Term Simulation + Paper - **30 %**
- Final Simulation + Paper - **45 %**

**Important note:** Only students who participate in both the mid-term and final simulations will be eligible to pass this course. Should classes return to campus in time for the simulations, **physical attendance would be mandatory**.

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## Reading List

The following list was crafted to provide you with a better understanding of the playing field, the challenges at hand and the many issues that will be discussed in class.

**Mandatory reading items are underlined and in bold. however, for you to be able to participate in class and fully immerse yourself in the study material, skimming all the materials in this list is highly recommended.**

### **Recommended (Optional):**

- Herzog, Haim. Who Stands Accused? Israel Answers Its Critics. Random House, 1978
- Eban, Abba. Voice of Israel. Horizon Press 1957
- Dershowitz, Alan M. The Case for Israel. Hoboken, N.J.: John Wiley & Sons, 2003.

### **Step by Step - Getting to know the un-United Nations**

1. **Overview**

- **GORDENKER, LEON, editor. The United Nations in International Politics. PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, Princeton University Press, 1971, [www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1m3p01t](http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1m3p01t) (pp. 10-59).**
  - Väyrynen, Raimo. "Is There a Role for the United Nations in Conflict Resolution?" *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 22, no. 3, 1985, pp. 189–196., [www.jstor.org/stable/423619](http://www.jstor.org/stable/423619)
2. **Regional groups and interest groups:**
- **Khadduri, M. (1946). The Arab League as a Regional Arrangement. The American Journal of International Law, 40(4), 756-777.**  
<http://www.jstor.org.ezprimo1.idc.ac.il/stable/2193821>
  - Morphet, S. (2004). REVIEW ESSAY: Multilateralism and the Non-Aligned Movement: What Is the Global South Doing and Where Is It Going? *Global Governance*, 10(4), 517-537. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/27800545>
  - Götz, Norbert. "Western Europeans and Others: The Making of Europe at the United Nations." *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*, vol. 33, no. 3, 2008, pp. 359–381., [http://www.jstor.org.ezprimo1.idc.ac.il/stable/40645245?seq=1#page\\_scan\\_tab\\_cont](http://www.jstor.org.ezprimo1.idc.ac.il/stable/40645245?seq=1#page_scan_tab_cont)

**Class-specific reading materials:**

1. **Class #1: - Israel at the UN - Laying the ground: a historical review**
  - **Charter of the United Nations (see scanned)**
  - Weiss, Thomas G., and Sam Daws. "World Politics: Continuity and Change Since 1945." *Oxford Handbooks Online*. 2009-09-02. Oxford University Press. Date of access 18 Sep. 2016. <http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199560103.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780199560103-e-001>
  - **Resolution adopted on the report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Palestinian question - UN General Assembly recorded meeting protocol (see scanned).**
  - **Baker, Alan. "The Fallacy of the "1967 Borders" – No Such Borders Ever Existed" December 2010, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs**<http://www.jcpa.org/JCPA/Templates/ShowPage.asp?DBID=1&LNGID=1&TMID=111&FID=442&PID=0&IID=5522mj>
2. **Class #2: Understanding the playing field**

## Un Budget

- UN Charter Chapter IV, Article 17; Chapter XV, Article 97.
- ["Fifth Committee Recommends \\$5.4 Billion Budget for 2016–2017 Biennium as It Concludes Main Part of Seventieth Session"](#)
- **Rosenthal, Gert. "The Scale of Assessments of the UN Budget: A Case Study of How the United States Exercises Its Leverage in a Multilateral Setting." *Global Governance*, vol. 10, no. 3, 2004, pp. 353–372., [www.jstor.org/stable/27800533](http://www.jstor.org/stable/27800533).**
- **"The Israeli who has a say over the UN Budget": <http://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/business/.premium-1.603362>**
- How much do various countries contribute to the UN Budget? <https://factly.in/united-nations-budget-contributions-by-member-countries/>

## Security council

- **Malone, David M. "Security Council." *Oxford Handbooks Online*. 2009-09-02. Oxford University Press. Date of access 18 Sep. 2016 <http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199560103.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780199560103-e-006>**
- Kelsen, Hans. "The Settlement of Disputes by the Security Council." *The International Law Quarterly*, vol. 2, no. 2, 1948, pp. 173–213., [www.jstor.org/stable/763167](http://www.jstor.org/stable/763167).
- Security Council Report. "The Veto". Research Report, October 2015 [http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/research\\_report\\_3\\_the\\_veto\\_2015.pdf](http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/research_report_3_the_veto_2015.pdf)
- **Hatuel-Radoshitzky, Michal . "Israel and the UN Security Council Elections". *The Institute for National Security Studies, NSS Insight No. 834, July 4, 2016, <http://www.inss.org.il/index.aspx?id=4538&articleid=12012>***

### 3. Class #3: General assembly and the secretariat

#### Secretariat

- Newman, Edward. "Secretary-General." *Oxford Handbooks Online*. 2009-09-02. Oxford University Press. Date of access 18 Sep. 2016 <http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199560103.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780199560103-e-010>
- **JONES, DOROTHY V. "SEEKING BALANCE: The Secretary-General as Normative Negotiator." *The UN Secretary-General and Moral Authority: Ethics and Religion in***

**International Leadership, edited by KENT J. KILLE, Georgetown University Press, 2007, pp. 39–66, [www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt2tt4qk.6](http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt2tt4qk.6).**

- **"Master, mistress or mouse?" The Economist, May 21st, 2016.**  
<http://www.economist.com/news/international/21699134-despite-unprecedented-push-pick-uns-next-boss-open-contest-choice-will>

#### **General Assembly**

- **Peterson, M. J. "General Assembly." Oxford Handbooks Online. 2009-09-02. Oxford University Press. Date of access 18 Sep. 2016**  
<http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199560103.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780199560103-e-005>
- LANDE, GABRIELLA ROSNER. "An Inquiry into the Successes and Failures of the United Nations General Assembly." The United Nations in International Politics, edited by LEON GORDENKER, Princeton University Press, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1971, pp. 106–129, [www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1m3p01t.6](http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1m3p01t.6).
- Voeten, Erik. "Clashes in the Assembly." International Organization, vol. 54, no. 2, 2000, pp. 185–215., [www.jstor.org/stable/2601296](http://www.jstor.org/stable/2601296).
- **Ron Prosor, "Telling the truth is a revolutionary act", Speech to the General Assembly, 2013.**

#### **4. Class #4: Peacekeeping**

- **Peacekeeping mandate (See Scanned)**
- **Fact sheet - overview of missions (See Scanned)**
- Farrall, Jeremy. "The Future of UN Peacekeeping and the Rule of Law." Proceedings of the Annual Meeting (American Society of International Law), vol. 101, 2007, pp. 160–163., [www.jstor.org/stable/25660185](http://www.jstor.org/stable/25660185).
- **Cohen, Eliot A. "The Evolution of UN Peacekeeping: Case Studies and Comparative Analysis." Foreign Affairs, vol. 72, no. 3, 1993, pp. 197–198., [www.jstor.org/stable/20045644](http://www.jstor.org/stable/20045644).**
- **Israel's statement on peacekeeping operations, 2015 - Remarks to the UN's Political Committee.**
- "75 UN troops flee into Israel to escape Syrian rebels", Times of Israel, 2014.
- "Israel-PLO: AGREEMENT ON THE TEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE IN THE CITY OF HEBRON (TIPH)..." International Legal Materials, vol. 36, no. 3, 1997, pp. 547–550., [www.jstor.org/stable/20698679](http://www.jstor.org/stable/20698679).

#### **5. Class #5: United Against Israel**

## The institutionalized bias against Israel

- **Prosor, Ron., "GUTERRES AND HALEY CAN'T DO IT ALONE, DEMOCRACIES MUST STAND UP TO END U.N. FARCE". Newsweek, March 2017.**  
<http://www.newsweek.com/antonio-guterres-nikki-haley-democraciesun-572020>
- **Prosor, Ron. "The U.N.'s War on Israel". The New York Times, March 31, 2015.**  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/01/opinion/united-in-ignominy.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/01/opinion/united-in-ignominy.html?_r=0)
- Muravchik, Joshua. "The UN and Israel: A History of Discrimination". World Affairs, December 2013.
- <http://www.worldaffairsjournal.org/article/un-and-israel-history-discrimination>
- Goldstone, Richard. "Reconsidering the Goldstone Report on Israel and war crimes". The Washington Post, April 1, 2011

## Human Rights Council

- "Algeria – Where are your Jews?", Speech by Hillel Neuer at the UN Human Rights Council, 2017: <https://www.unwatch.org/algeria-jews-hillel-neuer-u-n-human-rights-council/>
- **"UN Human Rights Council Votes to Form 'Blacklist' of Companies Operating in Israeli Settlements"** <http://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-1.710796>
- "The UN's war on Israel", Ron Prosor, 2015: [https://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/01/opinion/united-in-ignominy.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/01/opinion/united-in-ignominy.html?_r=0)
- **"UK Puts the UN Human Rights Council 'on Notice' for Anti-Israel Bias",** **Algemeiner, March 2017.** <https://www.algemeiner.com/2017/03/25/uk-puts-un-human-rights-council-on-notice-for-anti-israel-bias/>
- "Farce: U.N.'s 2017 Membership at Human Rights Council", UN Watch, January 2017  
<https://www.unwatch.org/farce-u-n-s-2017-membership-human-rights-council/>

## 6. Class #8: New Diplomacy

- **Prosor, Ron. "Club Med for Terrorists". The New York Times, August 24, 2014.**  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/25/opinion/qatar-club-med-for-terrorists.html>
- **Ron Prosor, "New Partnership for Africa's Development", Speech at the UN General Assembly, 2013.**
- "Rwanda, Israel, and Operation Protective Edge", Jonathan R. Beloff, Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs 2016 <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/23739770.2016.1173975>