

JWST68.2
Sociology of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
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2A T-T
Office Hours (by appointment)

Course Description

The goal of the course is to study the Israeli-Palestinian relations from sociological and historical perspectives. The course analyses the Zionist settlement of Palestine and the economic and political relations since then through historical turning points: 1948, 1967, 1987, 1993 and 2000. The relation between political attempts to negotiate and violent attempts to impose unilateral solutions is analysed in this critical points.

Requirements:

Students are expected to attend the classes, read the required readings, and actively participate in class discussions. Student will write four reading reports (two pages) during the quarter and a final integrative memo (5 pages).

Grades:

40% Reports
60% Final integrative memo.

Reading Assignments

Most of the readings will be posted on Bb. Items marked with * are chapters of a book that can be purchased in the bookstore, and will be also available at the Library Reserve Desk.

Recommended books

Grinberg, LL. (2010) Politics and Violence in Israel/Palestine, Democracy vs. Military Rule, Routledge: London.

Course Schedule and Required Readings

Week 1 - Approaches to Israeli Palestinian Relations

Horowitz and Lissak (1978) Origins of the Israeli Polity, Ch. 2, p. 17-36.

Kimmerling, B. (1992) "Ideology, Sociology and Nation Building: The Palestinians and Their Meaning in Israeli Sociology," American Sociological Review, 57: 446-460.

Week 2 - Settler Society and Jewish-Arab Relations

Kimmerling, B. (1993) Zionism and Territory, Berkeley, Institute of International Studies, UC, ch.1. 1-30.

Shafir,G. (1989) Land and Labor in the Making of Israeli Nationalism, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Ch. 1, pp.1-21.

Grinberg, LL. (2013) Mo(ve)ments of Resistance: Politics, Economy and Society in Israel/Palestine, 1931-2013, Academic Studies Press, NY. Ch. 2, p. 60-89.

Week 3 - 1948 - The Establishment of Israel

- Morris, B. (1988) The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem, 1947-49 Cambridge: Cambridge UP, Ch. Conclusion. 286-296.
- Ben Eliezer, (1998) The Making of Israeli Militarism, Indiana Univ. Press, Introduction, Pp. 1-18.

Week 4 – The Military Administration 1948-1966

- Lustick I. (1980) Arabs in the Jewish State University of Texas: Austin and London, Ch. 5, pp. 150-197.
- Ghanem, A. (2010) Ethnic Politics in Israel, London and NY: Routledge, Ch. 6, pp. 164-189.

Week 5 – 1967 - Expanding Borders and Occupation

- Farsakh, L. (2005) Palestinian Labour Migration to Israel, Routledge: London and New York, Ch. 2, pp. 31-51.
- Shafir and Peled (2002) Being Israeli, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, Ch. 6, pp. 159-183.

Week 6 – The Jewish Democracy Debate

- Peled, Y. (1992) "Ethnic Democracy and the Legal Construction of Citizenship: Arab Citizens of the Jewish State," The American Political Science Review, 86 :432-443.
- Smooha, S. (1993) "Class, Ethnic and National Cleavages and Democracy in Israel", in Sprinzak and Diamond (eds.) Israeli Democracy under Stress, Boulder Co.: Lynne Reiner. Ch. 16, pp. 309-342.
- Yiftachel, O (2005) Ethnocracy University of Pennsylvania Press: Philadelphia, Ch. 4, pp. 84-101.

Week 7 – 1982-1988 - The Lebanon War and the Intifada

- Helman, S. (1999) "Negotiating Obligations, Creating Rights: Conscientious Objection and the Redefinition of Citizenship in Israel", Citizenship Studies, 3, pp. 45-69.
- Nassar, J.R. and Heacock, R. (1990) Intifada: Palestine at the Crossroads, New York: Praeger, Ch 2 and 12, pp. 37-52, 191-206.
- * Grinberg, L.L. (2010) Violence and Politics in Israel/Palestine, London and NY: Routledge, ch. 3, p. 27-40.

Week 8 – 1993 - Globalization Through Peace

- Ram, U. (2008) The Globalization of Israel: Mcworld in Tel Aviv, Jihad In Jerusalem, New York : Routledge, Ch. 2, pp. 75-120.
- Shafir and Peled (2002) Being Israeli, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, Ch. 9, pp. 231-259.
- * Grinberg, L.L. (2010) Violence and Politics in Israel/Palestine, London and NY: Routledge, Ch. 7, p. 105-123.

Week 9- 2000 - Military and Politics

- Peri, Y. (2006) Generals in the Cabinet Room: How the Military Shapes Policy, Washington: USIP Press. Ch. 1, 6, pp. 17-32, 91-109.
- Kimmerling, B. (2001) The Invention and Decline of Israeliness, Ch. 7, p. 208-228.
- * Grinberg, L.L. (2010) Violence and Politics in Israel/Palestine, London and NY: Routledge, Ch. 9-11, 149-216.