**HISTORY 109B: HISTORY OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT,**

**1881 TO THE PRESENT**

MWF 11:00-11:50

Kaplan 135

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The territory that came to be called Palestine after World War I comprises the territory that lies between the Mediterranean Sea (on the west), Lebanon (in the north), the Gulf of Aqaba and the Sinai Peninsula (on the south) and the Jordan River (on the east)—unless you are a Revisionist Zionist or a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, in which case Palestine includes present-day Jordan. Although it covers a small geographic area and includes a relatively small population (compare present-day Israel's 9 million citizens with Egypt's 102 million), the dispute between the two rival sets of nationalisms which claim the sole right to control all or parts of this territory has remained at the forefront of international attention for more than seven decades. This course will examine the origins of the dispute between Israelis and their forebears, on the one hand, and Palestinians and theirs, on the other, from the mid-nineteenth century through the present day. Among the topics to be examined: the nature of empires and nations; the origins and diffusion of nationalism; the social history of Palestine up to Zionist colonization; the origins of Zionism and Palestinian nationalism; varieties of Zionism; Zionism and colonialism; seminal events and their consequent symbolic connotations (the 1936 "Great Revolt," the 1948 *nakba* [disaster]); the construction of a national consensus in Israel; 1967 and its aftermath; the PLO and its Palestinian rivals; the first intifada; the redefinition of the conflict as a result of Oslo and GWOT (the global war on terrorism); the rise and fall of Israeli unilateralism; the effects of the Arab uprisings on the dispute, and the end (?) of Oslo.

*REQUIREMENTS:*

1.  It is expected that students will attend class regularly, having read the readings assigned for that day.

2.  Students are expected to write two five-page papers. Each paper will count for 25% of your grade. Students should submit their papers through the class website on Canvas.

3. There will be a final exam, due 11:00 AM on June 9, 2022. Students should submit their papers through the class website on Canvas.

4. Students are expected to show up for at least one of my Zoom office hours during the quarter. You don’t have to stay the entire hour, but it is necessary to stay at least 20 minutes. If you cannot come to office hours at the appointed time, you should come to my morning office hours, or arrange a one-on-one Zoom meeting with me.

5.  The following books are required and can be purchased at the UCLA Bookstore:

* James L. Gelvin, *The Israel-Palestine Conflict: A History.* (**4th Edition**)*.*
* Rutu Modan, *Tunnels*

 NOTE: Be sure to get the 4th edition of the Gelvin book. It has been updated (including some wonderful takedowns of Jared Kushner) and is significantly different from previous editions

*Note 1: This syllabus is subject to change.  We live in tumultuous times.*

*Note 2: Both written assignments must be posted to Turnitin on the dates they are due. The link to Turnitin will be on Canvas under the week the assignments are due..*

**AN UNPLEASANT TOPIC:**

PLAGIARISM: “The wages of sin is death”—The Bible

PASSING OFF SOMEONE ELSE'S WORK AS YOUR OWN IS PLAGIARISM. That someone can be a fellow student, a professor, or an author. Words that are not your own must be placed within quotation marks and footnoted; ideas that are not your own must also be footnoted (two exceptions to the rule about footnoting ideas that are not your own: the textbooks and lectures for this class). Changing a few words in a passage copied from a book is plagiarism. Footnoting a passage that is quoted but not placed in quotation marks or attributed in some other way to its source is plagiarism. While I encourage students to study together and (God forbid) discuss the class and the essays/exams among themselves, the moment pen touches paper (or fingers touch keypad) discussion ends and plagiarism begins.

One special reminder: I am a professional historian. I make my living reading and comparing texts. Do not think you can get away with it. I'm better at this than you are, and I’ll fail you in the course and email the undergraduate advisor of your department.

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1.  **March 28:** Introduction (II): Empires, Nations, and Nationalism

*Gelvin, Chapter 1.*

2.  **March 30:** The Nationalization of Ottoman Palestine (I)

*Gelvin, 15-35.*

*James Reilly, "Peasantry of Late Ottoman Palestine,"* Journal of Palestine Studies *40*

*(Summer 1981)*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2536390>

3.  **April 1:** The Nationalization of Ottoman Palestine (II)

*Alexander Scholch, "Economic Development of Palestine, 1856-1882,"* Journal of

Palestine Studies *X (Spring 1981)*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2536459>.

4.  **April 4:** Social Origins of Zionism: European Jewry in the Nineteenth Century (I)

*Gelvin, 36-46.*

*Alan R. Taylor, "Zionism and Jewish History,"* Journal of Palestine Studies *2 (Winter*

*1972)*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2535953>.

5.  **April 6:** Social Origins of Zionism: European Jewry in the Nineteenth Century (II)

6.  **April 8:** Theodor Herzl and the Origins of the Zionist Movement

*Gelvin, 49-59.*

Dmitry Shumsky,“Theodor Herzl: A Non-Jewish State of Jews” *Beyond the Nation-State*,

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv6gqxj4.6>.

7.  **April 11**: Zionist Colonization of Palestine (I)

*Gelvin, 59-79.*

8. **April 13:** Zionist Colonization of Palestine (II)

Jeff Halper, “Zionism: A Settler Colonial Project,” *Decolonizing Israel, Liberating*

*Palestine*: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv1dm8d20.7>.

9. **April 15:** Zionist Colonization of Palestine (III)

Ran Aaronsohn, “Settlement in Eretz Israel — A Colonialist Enterprise?” *Israel Studies*, (Fall 1996), <https://www.jstor.org/stable/30245498>.

**APRIL 18: FIRST PAPER DUE**

10.  **April 18:** World War I and Its Aftermath

*Gelvin, Chapter 4.*

11. **April 20:** Palestine under the Mandates System

*Yousef Heikal, "Jaffa...As It Was,"* Journal of Palestine Studies *52 (Summer 1984)*,

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/2536987>.

12.  **April 22:** Origins of Palestinian Nationalism

*Gelvin, Chapter 5.*

*Muhammad Muslih, "Arab Politics and the Rise of Palestinian Nationalism,"* Journal of Palestinian Studies *64 (Summer 1987)*, : <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2536721>.

13.  **April 25:** Evolution of Palestinian Nationalism

Ted Swedenburg, “al-Qassam Remembered,” *Alif: Journal of Comparative Poetics*

(Spring 1987), <https://www.jstor.org/stable/521853>.

14.  **April 27:** From the Great Revolt to VE Day and Beyond (I)

*Gelvin, Chapter 6.*

15.  **April 29:** From the Great Revolt to VE Day and Beyond (II)

16. **May 2:** 1948

*Avi Shlaim, "The Debate about 1948,"* International Journal of Middle East Studies *27*

*(August 1995)*, : <http://www.jstor.com/stable/176252>.

*Benny Morris, "Operation Dani and the Palestinian Exodus from Lydda and Ramle in*

*1948,"* The Middle East Journal *40 (Winter 1986)*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/4327250>.

*Reja-e Busailah, "The Fall of Lydda, 1948: Impressions and Reminiscences,"* Arab

Studies Quarterly *3 (Spring 1981)*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/41854900>.

17. **May 4:** 1948 (II)

Julie Peteet, “Problematizing a Palestinian Diaspora,” *International Journal of Middle*

*East Studies* (Nov.2007), <http://www.jstor.com/stable/30069491>.

18.  **May 6:** The Arab-Israeli Conflict: The Early Years

*Gelvin, 175-184.*

James L. Payne, “The Trend of War in the World: Evidence from the Arab–Israeli

Dispute,” *The Independent Review* (Fall 2012), <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24563099>.

19.  **May 9:** 1967 and Its Diplomatic Aftermath

*Gelvin, 184-207.*

John K. Cooley, “The War over Water,” *Foreign Policy* (Spring 1984),

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/1148352>

20. **May 11:** The Problem of the Conquered Territories

Gershon Shafir, “Why Has the Occupation Lasted This Long?” *A Half Century of Occupation*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1525/j.ctv1xxrn1.7>.

21. **May 13:** The Palestine Liberation Organization

*Gelvin, 209-225.*

22.  **May 16:** The First Intifada

*Gelvin, 225-234.*

23.  **May 18:** Islamic Politics in Palestine

*Gelvin, 234-242.*

24. **May 20:** The Rise and Fall of the Oslo Accords

*Gelvin*, *Chapter 10.*

25. **May 23:** It ain’t Over ‘til It’s Over (I)

Victoria Mason and Richard Falk, “Assessing Nonviolence in the Palestinian Rights

Struggle,” *State Crime Journal* (Spring 2016) <http://www.jstor.com/stable/10.13169/statecrime.5.1.0163>

26.  **May 25:** It Ain’t Over ‘til It’s Over (II)

27. **May 27:** Now It’s Over

Michael Hirsh, Colum Lynch, “Jared Kushner and the Art of Humiliation,” *Foreign*

*Policy* (12 February 2019), <https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/02/12/jared-kushner-and-the-art-of-humiliation/>.

***MAY 30: NO CLASS***

**JUNE 1: SECOND PAPER DUE**

28. **June 1:** One State, Two States, Green State, Blue State

29. **June 3:** Review