



האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים  
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## **Coexistence in the Middle East (SPME209-48779)**

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July 2 – July 31, 2012

Sun: 9:00 hrs - 15:30 hrs - Thu: 9:00hrs - 20:00hrs\*

45 Academic Hours, 3 Academic Credits

\*Two-day field trips are scheduled from Thursday 9:00hrs to Friday 17:00hrs on July 19-20 and July 26-27.

\*Opening session: Tuesday July 3.

\*Exam & closure session: Monday July 30.

\*Departure and return hours for course activities may vary according to meetings and visits scheduled for each field trip.

### **Course Description**

The overall goal of this course is to grapple with the key issues of coexistence in Israel, enabling future leaders to interact with representatives of different religions and cultures.

The course will serve as an introduction to the challenges and complexities of coexistence in Israel - where civilizations, religions, national identities and ideologies converge. The seminar will focus on five major aspects of coexistence:

1. The confluence of Western and Middle-Eastern civilizations
2. Religious interactions among Christians, Muslims, and Jews
3. Israel's international relations with Arab countries
4. Palestinian-Israeli relations in Israel and in the region
5. Relations among individuals, based on "universal" values.

During the seminar, conflicts will be personalized through interactions with representatives from many diverse groups, and through study visits to key sites. The lectures and discussions in the course will include geopolitical, historical, religious, cultural and humanistic perspectives. Conflict-resolution programs will be evaluated and civil peace initiatives will be presented, in order to motivate participants' activism in their own countries.

This program is organized in cooperation with the International Institute of Leadership.

## **Language**

The course will be held in English or Spanish according to group requirements.

## **Course Requirements**

No previous experience or knowledge is necessary and the course is open to every student with interest in the modern Middle East.

## ***Students' Assignments and Grades***

- A. 50% - Active participation in the course. This will be based on interactive dynamics and an intensive reading of theoretical, historical, and “actuality” texts.
- B. 50% - Exam.

## **Course and Study Visits Outline\***

- July 3 Introduction: Context and Perspectives
- July 5 Jerusalem: Center of Three Monotheistic Faiths
- July 8 Nationalism and the Creation of the State of Israel
- July 12 Status Quo and Dimensions: The Security Barrier
- July 12 Arab Population and Islam
- July 15 Israel, the Middle East and the International Community
- July 19 Hezbollah and Iran's Influence in Lebanon (Overnight at Kibbutz)
- July 20 Syria, the Golan Heights and the Galilee
- July 22 Peace Process: Proposals and Obstacles
- July 26 Hamas and Gaza's Disengagement (Overnight at Bedouin Tent)
- July 27 Peace with Jordan, Masada and the Dead Sea
- July 29 Examples of Coexistence
- July 30 Exam, conclusion, closure session

\*This itinerary is tentative and subject to changes.

For a detailed description of the activities please refer to the following link:

<http://coexistencetrip.net/index.php?cs=13&cp=itinerary>.

Lecturers with diverse points of view and expertise in many different fields will offer a wide range of perspectives. Lecturers will include:

- Academics and Specialists
- Israeli and Palestinian NGO Members

- Arab & Jewish Government Officials
- Members of Left- and Right-Wing Political Parties
- Military Staff and Civilian Population
- Christian, Jewish and Muslim Religious Leaders
- Youth and Young Adults engaged in coexistence programs

For list of lecturers and speakers please refer to the following link:

<http://coexistencetrip.net/index.php?cs=13&cp=regularContent&contid=4>

## Reading Materials

### ***Jerusalem: Center of Three Monotheistic Faiths***

Ruth Lapidot, *Some Reflections on Jerusalem*, *Palestine-Israel Journal*, vol. 14, no. 1, 2007.

<http://www.pij.org/details.php?id=1044>

Basic Law: Jerusalem, Capital of Israel [http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/MFAArchive/1980\\_1989/Basic%20Law-%20Jerusalem-%20Capital%20of%20Israel](http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/MFAArchive/1980_1989/Basic%20Law-%20Jerusalem-%20Capital%20of%20Israel)

Joseph Alpher, *Jerusalem in Israeli-Palestinian Relations, Expanding the Conversation*, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 2002.

[http://rac.org/kd/Items/actions.cfm?action=Show&item\\_id=1005&destination=ShowItem](http://rac.org/kd/Items/actions.cfm?action=Show&item_id=1005&destination=ShowItem)

### ***Nationalism and the Creation of the State of Israel***

Laqueur and Rubin, eds., *The Israel-Arab Reader* **E327.56(08) L317**, [Read the following documents]:

MacMahon Letter (1915), pp. 11-12; Sykes-Picot Agreement (1916), pp. 13-16; Balfour Declaration (1917), p. 16; Feisal-Weizmann Agreement (1919), pp. 17-18; United Nations Plan of Partition (1947), pp. 69-77; UN Security Council Resolution 242 (November 22, 1967), p. 116; State of Israel: Proclamation of Independence (May 14, 1948), pp 81-82; Palestinian National Charter (July 1968), pp. 117-121; UN Security Council Resolution 338 (October 22, 1973), p. 152.

Jamal Najjab, *Waging Peace: Developing a Dual Israeli-Palestinian Historical Narrative*, *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, May-June, 2007: <http://www.wrmea.com/component/content/article/310-2007-may-june/9232-waging-peace-developing-a-dual-is>

Benny Morris, *The Rejection, The New Republic*, April 17, 2003, book review of *The Palestinian People: A History* by Baruch Kimmerling and Joel S. Migdal: [http://www.powells.com/review/2003\\_04\\_17.html](http://www.powells.com/review/2003_04_17.html)

### ***Two Narratives—A Palestinian Narrative And A Jewish Narrative***

-- Amos Oz, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, Mariner Books (paperback), 2005. **H3 O99**

-- Sari Nusseibeh, *Once Upon a Country, a Palestinian Life*, Picador (paperback), 2008. **956.96(092) N975**

***Status Quo and Dimensions: The Security Barrier / Peace Process: Proposals and Obstacles***

Eisenberg and Caplan, *Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace*, Chapter 6, pp. 103-126. **E327.172 E36**

James L. Gelvin, *The Israel-Palestine Conflict: One hundred Years of War*, Cambridge: CUP, New edition, 2007. pp.247-251 **E327.56 G321**

Laqueur and Rubin, *The Israel-Arab Reader* **E327.56(08) L317**, "Declaration of Principles, Israel and PLO" (September 13, 1993), pp. 413-422; "Israel and PLO: Cairo Agreement" (March 4, 1994), pp. 442-455; "Israel and Palestinian Authority: Interim Agreement on the West Bank and Gaza Strip" (September 28, 1995), pp. 502-521; "Israel and Palestinian Authority: Hebron Accords" (January 15, 1997), pp. 522-523; "Israel and Palestinian Authority: The Wye River Memorandum" (October 23, 1998), pp. 529-534, "the Camp David Summit of 2000 and the Clinton Plan" (December 23, 2000) , pp. 549-580

Maps of Jerusalem, Ir Amim: <http://www.ir-amim.org.il/eng/?CategoryID=162>

***Hezbollah and Iran's Influence in Lebanon / Syria, the Golan Heights and the Galilee***

Eisenberg and Caplan, *Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace*, Chapter 2, pp. 43- 59.

The Separation of Forces between Israel and Syria 1974:

<http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/Peace+Process/Guide+to+the+Peace+Process/Israel-Syria+Separation+of+Forces+Agreement+-+1974.htm?DisplayMode=print>

Laqueur and Rubin, *The Israel-Arab Reader* **E327.56(08) L317**, "Lebanon and Israel: Truce Agreement" (May 17, 1983), pp. 287-289; "Renewal of Syrian-Israeli Negotiations," December 15, 1999, pp. 545-548; Syrian President Bashar al-Assad: Speech to Syria's Journalist Union (September 15, 2005), pp 597; Kizballah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah: Televised Speech (July 26, 2006), pp 604; Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert; Speech to Mayors (August 28, 2006), pp 606.

ADL Backgrounder, "Israel-Syria Negotiations: The Issues," January 23, 2000.:

[http://www.adl.org/backgrounders/Isreal\\_Syria99\\_12\\_13.asp](http://www.adl.org/backgrounders/Isreal_Syria99_12_13.asp)

***Israel, the Middle East and the International Community***

Laqueur and Rubin, *The Israel-Arab Reader* **E327.56(08) L317**, "Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad: The World without Zionism Conference" (October 26.2005) pp 601; "Iranian President

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad: Speech to the UN General Assembly" (September 19, 2006), pp. 613; "U.S. President George W. Bush: Annapolis Conference" (November 27, 2007), pp. 625

### ***Hamas and Gaza's Disengagement***

Covenant of the Islamic Resistance Movement (HAMAS) 1988:

[http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th\\_century/hamas.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp)

Laqueur and Rubin, *The Israel-Arab Reader* **E327.56(08) L317**, "U.S President George W. Bush: Letter to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Israel Withdrawal (April 14, 2004), pp. 589-591;

"Disengagement Plan" (May 28, 2004), pp. 591; "Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon: UN General Assembly (September 15, 2005), pp.594-596; "Fathi Hamad, Palestinian Legislative Council Member (Hamas): Speech" (August 10, 2007), pp. 625

### ***Peace with Jordan, Masada and the Dead Sea***

Eisenberg and Caplan, *Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace* **E327.172 E36**, Chapters 3 and 5, pp. 60-74 and 90-102.

Laqueur and Rubin, eds., *The Israel-Arab Reader* **E327.56(08) L317**, "Israel and Jordan: The London Document" (April 11, 1987), pp. 313-314; "Israel and Jordan: The Washington Agreement" (July 26, 1994), pp. 467-470; "Israel and Jordan: Peace Treaty: (October 26, 1994), pp. 477-486.

### ***Examples of Dialogue and Coexistence Projects***

Jessica Berns with Mari Fitzduff, *What is Coexistence and Why a Complementary Approach?* in *Coexistence International*, July 2007,

[http://www.brandeis.edu/coexistence/linked%20documents/What%20is%20Coex%20and%20Why\\_FINAL%20template.pdf](http://www.brandeis.edu/coexistence/linked%20documents/What%20is%20Coex%20and%20Why_FINAL%20template.pdf)

Mohammad Dajani *Big Dreams/Small Hope: a Peace Vision* in *Crosscurrents*, summer 2008 Vol 58.

no. 2, <http://books.google.com/books?id=blOMtJUR0kC&pg=PA39&lpg=PA39&dq=big+dream+small+hope>

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- Michael B. Oren, *Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East*. Oxford University Press, 2002. ISBN 019515174-7 **E990.21 O66**
- James L. Gelvin, *The Israel-Palestine Conflict: One Hundred Years of War*, Cambridge: CUP, New Edition, 2007 **E327.56 G321**
- Sari Nusseibeh and Anthony David, *Once Upon a Country: A Palestinian Life*, written with Anthony David. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, London: Halban Publishers, 2007. ISBN 978-1905559053 **956.96(092) N975**
- Amos Oz, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*. Harcourt, 2003. ISBN 0151008787 **H3 O99**
- Walter Laquer and Barry Rubin, Editors, *The Israel-Arab Reader. A Documentary History of the Middle East Conflict*. Penguin Books, 1995. ISBN 978-0143113799 **E327.56(08) L317**
- Marc Gopin, *Holy War, Holy Peace: How Religion Can Bring Peace to the Middle East*. Oxford University Press. New York, 2002. ISBN 978-0195181036 **E327.56 G659**
- Baruch Kimmerling and Joel S. Migdal, *Palestinians: The Making of a People*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1993. ISBN 978-0674652231 **E320.9(A) K49**
- John Paul Lederach, *Building Peace: Sustainable Reconciliation in Divided Societies*. United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC, 1997. ISBN 978-1878379733 **341.73 L473**

### *Articles*

- Martin Gilbert. "Mapping the Dispute". *Reform Judaism magazine*, Fall 2002
- Rabbi Amy Klein. "Islam in Israel and Palestine". *Jewish Currents*, Spring 2010.
- Peace Now, Settlements Watch Team. *The West Bank –Population Map*. July 2008.
- Students will be asked to read *The Jerusalem Post* and *HaAretz* every day during the period of the course.
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