



Syllabus

The Role of International Law in Resolving the Middle-East Conflict - 62586

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HU Credits: 4

Responsible Department: law

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The seminar will study the elements of international law that are reflected in select documents associated with the attempts to resolve the conflict between Israel and its neighbours.

Course/Module aims:

To understand the role of international law in the Peace Process

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*Basic knowledge of international law
Basic knowledge of modes of acquisition of territory; use of force; laws of war; law of sea; elements of treaty law; powers and procedures of UN bodies.
Analysis of UN Documents and Resolutions relating to the conflict
Analysis of multilateral and bilateral agreements relating to conflict
Understanding proposals for solutions*

Attendance requirements(%):

Minimum of 80% Attendance required

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: The first part of the course will be lectures by the teacher. During the second part, students will be asked to present their chosen topic orally in class (not more than twenty minutes presentation) the presentation must be in English.

Course/Module Content:

The seminar will study the elements of international law that are reflected in select documents associated with the attempts to resolve the conflict between Israel and its neighbours. Among the documents to be studied: The 1917 Balfour Declaration; The 1922 League of Nations Mandate for Palestine; The 1949 Armistice Agreements; UN General Assembly Resolutions 181 and 194. UN Security Council resolution 242. The 1968 Camp David Agreements; The 1969 Peace Agreement with Egypt; The 1993 Oslo Agreements; The 1994 Peace Agreement with Jordan; The Arab Peace Initiative; The Roadmap; The Palestinian Declaration of Independence; Non-governmental recent initiatives. These documents are available on the internet including: <http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/peace%20process/reference%20documents> Associated with the study of each document, there will be a lecture and class discussion of the key elements of international law that have been relevant to the particular document. These elements include recognition of states; modes of

acquisition of territory; use of force; laws of war; law of sea; elements of treaty law; powers and procedures of UN General Assembly and Security Council.

Students will then be requested to choose a seminar topic, from a list, related to the subject of the seminar lecture to the class on the subject and submit a written paper.

Required Reading:

Malcolm Shaw, *International Law (Seventh Edition 2014)* or other up to date textbook on international law.

Additional Reading Material:

Abbas, Mahmoud (Abu Mazen), *Through Secret Channels, The Road to Oslo: Senior PLO Leader Abu Mazen's Revealing Story of the Negotiations with Israel* (1995).

Beilin, Yossi, *Manual for a Wounded Dove* (2001).

Dayan, Moshe, *Break-Through, A Personal Account of the Egypt-Israel Peace Negotiations* (1981).

Fahmi, Ismail, *Negotiating for Peace in the Middle East*, (1983).

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Kattan Victor (ed.) *The Palestine Question in International Law (British Institute of International and Comparative Law 2008)*.

Lapidoth Ruth. Hirsch Moshe (eds.) *The Arab-Israel Conflict and its Resolution: Selected Documents*, (1992).

Moore John Norton (ed.) *The Arab-Israeli Conflict, , Volume I Readings, Volume II Readings, Volume III Documents* (1974).

Quandt, William B., *Camp David Peacemaking and Politics* (1986).

Rosenne, Shabtai, *Israel's Armistice Agreements with the Arab States, A Juridical Interpretation*, (1951).

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Ross, Dennis, *The Missing Peace, the Inside Story of the Fight for Middle East Peace* (2004)

Sabel Robbie, "International Legal Issues of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, An Israeli Lawyer's Position," *Journal of East Asia and International Law* 2 (2010) 407.
http://www.mfa.gov.il/NR/rdonlyres/EED18AFB-06B8-4725-B5BF-A0C9BF6BDF09/0/Asian_journal_Sabel.pdf

Savir Uri, *The Process, 1,100 Days that Changed the Middle East* (1998).

Shany Yuval "The Law Applicable To Non-Occupied Gaza: A Comment on Bassiouni v. The Prime Minister" 42 (1) *Israel Law Review* 101 (2009).

Sher, Gilead, *The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Negotiations, 1999-2001 Within Reach* (2006)

Stone, Julius, *Israel and Palestine, Assault on the Law of Nations* (1981).

Watson, Geoffrey R., *The Oslo Accords, International Law and the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Agreements* (2000).

The Peace Process; Legal Aspects, *Israel Law Review*, Volume 15, Number 2 (April 1980).

The Peace Process, *Israel Law Review*, Volume 28, Numbers 2-3 (Spring-Summer 1994).

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 100 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: