

## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *The Middle East and the League of Nations - 38826*

*Last update 03-08-2020*

*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)*

*Responsible Department: Islamic & Middle East Stud.*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Liat Kozma*

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*Coordinator Office Hours:*

*Teaching Staff:*

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Prof Liat Kozma

Course/Module description:

The course will examine interactions between the Middle East and the League of Nations through the Mandate System as well as the League's social and technical committees

Course/Module aims:

Understanding the League of Nations' mechanisms and their interaction with the Middle East.

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

Understanding the history of international organizations  
Analyzing primary sources on the history of the League of Nations

Attendance requirements(%):

90%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: class discussion

Course/Module Content:

1. Why Study the League of Nations
2. Are the Mandates a Type of Colonialism
3. The League of Nations and Colonial Violence
4. The League and Nation States
5. The League and National Borders
6. The Minorities Question
7. The Refugee Problem
8. Public Opinion
9. Petitions
10. Women and the League of Nations
11. Health
12. Alcohol and drugs

Required Reading:

1. Why Study the League of Nations

Pedersen, Susan. "Back to the League of Nations," *The American Historical Review*

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Vol. 112, No. 4 (Oct., 2007), pp. 1091-1117.

Jackson, Simon. "From Beirut to Berlin (via Geneva): The New International History, Middle East Studies and the League of Nations." *Contemporary European History* 27, no. 4 (November 2018): 708-26.

## 2. Are the Mandates a Type of Colonialism

Susan Pederson, "The Making of the Mandate System: an argument". *Geschichte und Gesellschaft* 32 (2006), 560-582.

Sluglett, Peter. "An Improvement on Colonialism? The 'A' Mandates and Their Legacy in the Middle East." *International Affairs* 90, no. 2 (March 2014): 413-27.

## 3. The League of Nations and Colonial Violence

La Porte, Pablo. "'Rien à Ajouter': The League of Nations and the Rif War (1921—1926)." *European History Quarterly* 41, no. 1 (January 2011): 66-87.

Pankhurst, Richard. "Italian Fascist War Crimes in Ethiopia: A History of Their Discussion, from the League of Nations to the United Nations (1936-1949)." *Northeast African Studies* 6, no. 1/2 (March 1999): 83-140.

## 4. The League and Nation States

Liebis-Gümüş, Carolin. "Embedded Turkification: Nation Building and Violence within the Framework of the League of Nations 1919-1937." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 52, no. 2 (May 2020): 229-44.

Pedersen, Susan. "Getting Out of Iraq--in 1932: The League of Nations and the Road to Normative Statehood." *American Historical Review* 115, no. 4 (October 2010): 975-1000.

## 5. The League and National Borders

Taha, Mai. "Self-Determination, Oil and Islam in the Face of the League of Nations: The Mosul Dispute and the 'Non-European' Legal Terrain." In *Statehood and Self-Determination: Reconciling Tradition and Modernity in International Law*. Ed. Duncan French, 324-48. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Shields, Sarah. "Manufacturing Collective Identities: Turkey, Syria and France Contesting Sovereignty over Antioch." In *Contested Spaces in Contemporary Turkey: Environmental, Urban and Secular Politics*. Ed. Fatma Müge Göçek, 41-59. London: Tauris, 2018.

## 6. The Minorities Question

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Ekmekçioğlu, Lerna. "Republic of Paradox: The League of Nations Minority Protection Regime and the New Turkey's Step-Citizens." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46 iv (January 1, 2014): 657–79.

Hannah, Müller-Sommerfeld. "The League of Nations: A-Mandates and Minority Rights during the Mandate Period in Iraq (1920-1932)." In *Modernity, Minority, and the Public Sphere: Jews and Christians in the Middle East*. Ed. S.R. Goldstein-Sabbah, H.L.

## 7. The Refugee Problem

Watenpugh, Keith David. "Between Communal Survival and National Aspiration: Armenian Genocide Refugees, the League of Nations and the Practices of Interwar Humanitarianism." In *The Routledge Handbook of the History of the Middle East Mandates*. Ed. Cyrus Schayegh and Andrew Arsan, 41–61. London: Routledge, 2015.

Shemmassian, Vahram L. "The League of Nations and the Reclamation of Armenian Genocide Survivors." In *Looking Backward, Moving Forward: Confronting the Armenian Genocide*, Richard G. Hovannisian Ed., 81–112. New Brunswick: Transaction, 2003.

## 8. Public Opinion

Jackson, Simon. "Diaspora Politics and Developmental Empire: The Syro-Lebanese at the League of Nations." *Arab Studies Journal* 21 i (January 1, 2013): 166–90.

Asseraf, Arthur. "Making Their Own Internationalism: Algerian Media and a Few Others the League of Nations Ignored, 1919-1943." In *International Organizations and the Media in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries: Exorbitant Expectations*. Ed. Jonas Brendebach, Martin Herzer, and Heidi Tworek. Abingdon: Routledge, 2018, 117–37.

## 9. Petitions

Wheatley, Natasha. "Mandatory Interpretation: Legal Hermeneutics and the New International Order in Arab and Jewish Petitions to the League of Nations." *Past & Present* 227 (January 1, 2015): 205–48.

## 10. Women and the League of Nations

Nova Robinson

Kozma, Liat. "Regulated brothels in mandatory Syria and Lebanon: Between the traffic in women and the permanent mandate commissions", in Rodríguez García, M., D. Rodogno and L. Kozma (eds.), *The League of Nations' Work on Social Issues: Visions, Endeavours and Experiments*. New York: UN, 2016.

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## 11. Health

גרינברג, זלמן ורקפת זלשיק. "מסע משלחת חבר הלאומים לחקירת המלריה בארץ-ישראל בשנת 1925". קתדרה: לתולדות ארץ-ישראל וישובה, 134 (2009), 49-64.

Rosenberg, Clifford. "The International Politics of Vaccine Testing in Interwar Algiers." *American Historical Review* 117, no. 3 (June 2012): 671-97.

## 12. Alcohol and drugs

Kozma, Liat. "Cannabis Prohibition in Egypt, 1880-1939: From Local Ban to League of Nations Diplomacy." *Middle Eastern Studies* 47 iii (January 1, 2011): 443-60.

Bourmaud, Philippe. "Exporting Obligations : Evolutionism, Normalization, and Mandatory Anti-Alcoholism from Africa to the Middle East (1918-1939)", in Andrew Arsan & Cyrus Schayegh. eds, *The Routledge Handbook to the History of the Middle East Mandates*. London: Routledge, 2015, p. 76-87.

### Additional Reading Material:

none.

### Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 10 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 80 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

### Additional information: