Syllabus

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES: ISRAEL AND PEACE PLANS - 38941

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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**Course/Module description:**
The history of the Arab-Israeli conflict is laden with wars and violence but also with attempts to find a peaceful solution. This course will deal with the plans and initiatives for solving the conflict, raised by the local or international players since the establishment of Israel until the present. Among the main episodes: The Sadat initiative (1971), the Oslo agreements (1990s), Israeli-Syrian talks (1990s), the Camp David Summit (2000) and the Arab Peace Initiative (2002). The course will also deal with opportunities that have not been missed, such as the Israeli-Egyptian and Israeli-Jordanian peace agreements.

**Course/Module aims:**
The aim of this course is to evaluate whether there have been missed opportunities for peace. Based on a newly-developed theoretical definition of the term "missed opportunity," this course will assess if there have been historical missed opportunities and the reasons for that.

**Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:**
The student will identify the existence of an historical opportunity; analyze the different historical opportunities that occurred in the conflict within some twenty historical case studies; explain and assess the extent of existing missed opportunities in the conflict; evaluate and criticize the academic literature and its importance; measure or predict future missed opportunities.

**Attendance requirements(%):**
100

**Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:** Lectures, discussions in class, presentation of an oral assignment

**Course/Module Content:**
1. Missed opportunities: theoretical discussion
2. Arab-Jewish encounters before 1948
3. Husni Zaim episode - 1949
4. Armistice agreements - 1949
5. Lausanne Conference -1949
7. Alpha Plan and Anderson Mission
8. Bourguiba Affair, 1965
9. Israeli negotiations with Nasser prior to 1967
10. Rogers Plan, 1969
11. Sadat's initiative, 1971
12. Disengagement agreements with Syria and Egypt, 1974-75

14. The Fahd and Reagan Plans
15. Israel-Lebanon peace agreement (1983)
18. Oslo agreements (1990s)
20. Israeli-Syrian negotiations (1990s)
24. Comparative discussion of peace plans

Required Reading:
12. Elie Podeh, From Fahd to 'Abdallah: The Origins of the Saudi Peace Initiatives and Their Impact on the Arab System and Israel (Jerusalem: The Harry S. Truman
Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, 2003).


**Additional Reading Material:**


**Course/Module evaluation:**

End of year written/oral examination 60 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 40 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

**Additional information:**