Syllabus

PALESTINIAN NATIONALISM: IDENTITY AND POLITICAL - 56847

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Political Science

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
This course seeks to introduce the students to the modern history and political thought of Palestinian nationalism, from the late 19th century until the present. The course will provide an overview of the major developments and debates that are central for understanding Palestinian modern identity, political thought, and nationalism and their link to Arab nationalism, Orientalism, the Zionist movement and the State of Israel.

Course/Module aims:
The course aims to provide students with a good and critical grasp of Palestinian nationalism and politics; to encourage students to think in an interdisciplinary manner; and to provide the groundwork for further research in debates of nation-building, and Palestinian identity and political thought.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
1- Analyse current rends and transformations in Palestinian politics and political thought.
2- Compare, critically assess, and contextualize various strands within Palestinian nationalism

Attendance requirements(%):
100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: This course is mostly deliberative. Put differently students are expected to be familiar with the readings and conduct a debate in the class. The debate will assume that the students have done the readings. The instructor will open each class with some brief remarks to contextualize the themes under discussion.

Course/Module Content:
1. Introduction and Overview
2. Palestine versus the Palestinians
3. Roots of Palestinian Nationalism- Ottomanism and Arab Nationalism
5. The Establishment of the PLO
6. From Pan-Arabism to Palestinism: The 1967 War and its Consequences
7. Unitary Democratic State: Palestinian Territorial Nationalism
8. Declaration of Independence and the First Intifada
9. Palestinian Political Islam
10. The Oslo Accords and the Creation of the Palestinian Authority
11. Challenges to the Palestinian Authority
12. Voices of the Margins: Palestinians of 48 and Diaspora
13. Where Now for Palestine?

**Required Reading:**

1. **Introduction and Overview**

2. **Palestine versus the Palestinians**
   Required readings:

3. **Roots of Palestinian Nationalism- Ottomanism and Arab Nationalism**
   Required readings:

4. **National Ruin and Revival: The Palestinians after the Nakba of 1948, ANM and the Fatah**
   Required readings:


5. **The Establishment of the PLO**
   Required readings:
   Palestinian National Charter 1964:
   http://www.un.int/wcm/content/site/palestine/pid/12363

6. From Pan-Arabism to Palestinism: The 1967 War and its Consequences:
   Required readings:
   Palestinian National Charter 1968:
   http://www.un.int/wcm/content/site/palestine/pid/12362

   Yezid Sayigh, Armed Struggle and The Search for State, Pp. 143-173

   Baumgarten, Helga (2005) Three Face/ Phases of Palestinian Nationalism,

   Benny Morris, Righteous Victims, pp. 302-346 (ch. 7).

7. Unitary Democratic State: Palestinian Territorial Nationalism
   Required readings:
   Fatah Paper, "Towards a Democratic State in Palestine for Muslims, Christians and Jews".

   Palestine Studies, 6(2): 12-18.

   Studies, 6(2): 9-11.

   Ten Points Program of the PLO 1974:
   http://www.un.int/wcm/content/site/palestine/pid/12354

   Shaath, Nabil, "Falastin El Ghadd"/ "Palestine of Tomorrow", Shoaoon Falastineah/

8. Declaration of Independence and the First Intifada
   Required readings:
   Palestinian Declaration of Independence:
   http://www.un.int/wcm/content/site/palestine/pid/12353


9. Palestinian Political Islam
   Required readings:
   ver/documents/charter.html

   Palestine Studies. (with particular focus on the conclusion of the book which
   includes: Political Though; Practice and The Future).

10. The Oslo Accords and the Creation of the Palestinian Authority
Required readings:
http://www.counterpunch.org/saidoslo2.html

Changing the Palestinian National Charter 1996:
http://www.un.int/wcm/content/site/palestine/pid/12361

11. Challenges to the Palestinian Authority
Required readings:

Menachem Klein, "Hamas in Power", Middle East Journal, 61, no. 3 (Summer 2007), pp. 442-459.

12. Voices of the Margins: Palestinians of 48 and Diaspora
Required readings:


http://www.counterpunch.org/bisharat12032003.html

13. Where Now for Palestine?
Required readings:


Additional Reading Material:
1. Introduction and Overview  
No additional readings

2. Palestine versus the Palestinians  
Additional readings:  
Ra’ad, Basem (2010), Hidden Histories: Palestine and the Eastern Mediterranean  
(Pluto Press), Introduction, pp. 11-14.

Gudrun Krämer, A History of Palestine: From the Ottoman Conquest to the Founding  
of the State of Israel (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008), chapter 2 (“The  
Holiness of the “Holy Land”).

3. Roots of Palestinian Nationalism- Ottomanism and Arab Nationalism  
Additional readings:  

Salim Tamari, Mountain against the Sea: Essays on Palestinian Society and Culture  
(University of California Press, 2008).

4. National Ruin and Revival: The Palestinians after the Nakba of 1948, ANM and the  
Fatah  
Additional readings:  
Benny Morris, The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem 1947-1949 (Cambridge:  
Cambridge University Press, 1997), pp. 4-28, conclusion.

Rashid Khalidi, "The Palestinians and 1948: the underlying causes of failure," in:  
Eugene Rogan and Avi Shlaim (eds.), The War on Palestine: Rewriting the History of  
1948, pp. 12-36.

5. The Establishment of the PLO  
No additional readings

6. From Pan-Arabism to Palestinism: The 1967 War and its Consequences:  
Additional readings:  
(1): pp.?

Matti Steinberg, "Arafats PLO: The Concept of Self-Determination in Transition", The  
Jerusalem Journal of International Relations 9, No. 3 (September 1987), pp. 85-98.  
(תל-אביב 1976 -2007) (ומדד לשונר, ההודעה הלועזית הפלסטית 2008- 1976) (תל-

7. Unitary Democratic State: Palestinian Territorial Nationalism
No additional readings

8. Declaration of Independence and the First Intifada
   Additional readings:

   Benny Morris, Righteous Victims, pp. 561-610 (ch. 12)

9. Palestinian Political Islam
   Additional readings:

10. The Oslo Accords and the Creation of the Palestinian Authority
    Additional readings:

    Baruch Kimmerling and Joel S. Migdal, The Palestinian People, pp. 315-397 (ch. 10-11).


11. Challenges to the Palestinian Authority
    Additional readings:


12. Voices of the Margins: Palestinians of 48 and Diaspora
No additional readings

13. Where Now for Palestine?
Additional readings:


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

**Additional information:**
The method of assessment and evaluation in this course is a take home exam at the end of the teaching sessions. There is no Mo‘ad B exam in this course

The list of required readings is subject to changes