

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Israel and the European powers: a historical wor - 58823

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: International Relations

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course will deal with the political aspect of Israel-Europe Relations. The course emphasizes both the bilateral relations between Israel and key European countries such as France, Britain and Germany and on Israel's ties with the multinational frameworks ie the European Community and later the European Union. The aim of the course is not to be satisfied with the Israeli point of view but to give the student an understanding of how Europeans perceive Israel and the political issues at stake.

The course will cover a broad historical cross-section - from Zionist diplomacy before the establishment of the state, through Israel in its early years (1950s and 1960s), the changes following the Six Day War and the rise of the Palestinian issue on the global agenda, to the Oslo Accords and its current state of relations . The course will examine questions such as:

**What was the relative weight of Europe in Israeli diplomacy throughout the period?*

**What impact did immaterial factors such as values, common heritage and past sensitiveness have on shaping relations between Israel and Europe?*

**How did the developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict affect relations and what were the changes that took place in the way Europeans saw Israel throughout the period?*

**What was the role of Israeli and European public opinion in shaping the relationship?*

The course will include frontal lectures as well as group assignments of students.

Course/Module aims:

Understand the development of Israel's relations with European countries and especially with the European powers. Familiarize with the methods of action of Israeli diplomacy vis-à-vis these countries as well as the way in which the Europeans perceived Israel.

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

Students will become familiar with the challenges Israel faced in the first decades of its existence in terms of its foreign policy and explore the way in which it dealt

with these challenges. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the methods of action of Israeli foreign policy and its unique features vis-à-vis European countries.

Attendance requirements(%):
attendance is obligatory

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: frontal

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction: Israel and Europe - an analytical framework for examining relations
2. Herzl's Zionist Diplomacy and the Road to the Balfour Declaration
3. Love that was missed by hostility - Zionism and Great Britain
4. Patriotism - Israel-France Relations, 1967-1945
5. Unique relations - Israel and Germany
6. Israel and Eastern Europe
7. Israel and the European Community
- Lessons 8-13: Student presentations.
- Lesson 14: Summary.

Required Reading:

*ישעיהו פרידמן, שאלת ארץ ישראל בשנים 1914-1918: מערכת היחסים שבין בריטניה, הציונות והערבים, ירושלים: הוצאת מאגנס, 1987, פרקים: 7, 17.

*Elizabeth Monroe, *Britain's Moment in the Middle East, 1914-1971* London: Chatto & Windus, Ch. 2-3.

*Zach Levey, "Britain and Israel, 1950-1967: The Strategic Dimension", in Zach Levey and Elie Podeh (eds.), *Britain and the Middle East: From Imperial Power to Junior Partner*, Brighton; Sussex Academic Press, 2008, pp. 90-107.

*בר זוהר, מיכאל, גשר על הים התיכון, (תל אביב: עם הספר, 1965), עמ' 175-202.

*Gadi Heimann, "From Friendship to Patronage: France-Israel Relations, 1958-1967", *Diplomacy & Statecraft* Vol. 21 (2010), pp. 240-58.

צילה הרשקו, בין פאריס לירושלים: צרפת, הציונות והקמת מדינת ישראל, 1945-1949, (תל-אביב: משרד הביטחון), פרקים 4, 6.

*תום שגב, המיליון השביעי: הישראלים והשוואה, ירושלים: כתר, 1991, חלק ד'.

*Howard M. Sachar, *Israel and Europe: An Appraisal in History*, New York; Vintage Books, 2000, Ch. 6.

Michael Brecher, *Decisions in Israel's Foreign Policy*, London: Oxford University Press, 1974, Ch. 3.

*יוסף גוברין, יחסי ישראל-ברה"מ: מעת חידושם בשנת 1953 עד ניתוקם בשנת 1967, (ירושלים: מאגנס, 1990), חלק ב', עמ' 148-61.

*Howard M. Sachar, *Israel and Europe: An Appraisal in History*, New York; Vintage

Books, 2000, Ch. 7.

בנימין פינקוס, "יחסים מיוחדים": ברית המועצות ובעלות בריתה ויחסיהן עם העם היהודי, הציונות ומדינת ישראל, 1959-1939, שדה-בוקר: מכון בן גוריון, 2007, פרק 3.
יוסף הלר, ישראל והמלחמה הקרה: ממלחמת העצמאות למלחמת ששת הימים, שדה-בוקר: מכון בן גוריון, 2010, פרקים 2, 3, 7.
*Sharon Pardo and Joel Peters, *Uneasy Neighborhood: Israel and the European Union*, Lham, MD: Lexington Books, 2010, Ch. 1.
אבנר יניב, "הקהילה האירופית וישראל", בתוך בנימין נויברגר (עורך), דיפלומטיה בצל עימות: סוגיות נבחרות ביחסי החוץ של ישראל, 1978-1948, תל אביב: האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 1984, עמ' 528-543.

Additional Reading Material:

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: