

University of California at San Diego

HINE 137

HISTORY OF TWO PEOPLES IN PALESTINE/ISRAEL



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Course Description. The aim of this course is to provide students with a historical background to deepen their understanding of contemporary conflicts in the Middle East. The course surveys the history of the Jewish and Palestinian peoples beginning in 1881 and ending in the present. We contrast the deep structures of the two societies, including land ownership, family patterns and capitalist modernization. We survey political ideologies, charismatic leaders, and social movements. Evaluation of the consequences of the British Mandate for each people will be a central theme. When we arrive at 1948 we juxtapose the new Jewish sovereignty with the movement of Palestinian Arabs away from the borders of the new state. We continue our analysis up to the present in this troubled geographic and political space.

Class meets from 2 to 3:20 in the Ridgewalk Academic Complex A103

Office Hours: In my office in the Department of History in the Ridgewalk building, Room 919, Tuesdays 9-10 AM. Telephone office hours available by request. I will be available for consults after class as well and during the History Club meeting time on Thursdays.

PODCASTS. The lectures will be podcast and will be available on the UCSD podcast site the day of the lecture.

POWER POINTS The Power Points for each lecture will be posted on CANVAS right before class begins.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY. Students are expected to do their own research and their own writing. In cases where instructors are concerned about academic integrity, we will definitely rely on the Office of Academic Integrity to advise on the case. University learning is a privilege, so use it to develop your mind and your research and writing skills. Students have the option of submitting a rough draft of their essays and using the Turnitin report for a revision of the essay a week later. The best way to avoid plagiarism is to start your work early, keep at it, and avoid the panic of a deadline you cannot possibly meet without cheating.

BOOKS

All four main texts have been ordered for purchase in the Bookstore and placed on reserve in hard and digital versions at the Library. You may of course purchase a digital copy of the books via Kindle or any other mode available. You should also be able to find the books at your local public library.

Alan Dowty, ARABS AND JEWS IN OTTOMAN PALESTINE. Indiana University Press. Kindle \$2.99; paperback \$23

Tom Segev, ONE PALESTINE COMPLETE: JEWS AND ARABS UNDER THE BRITISH MANDATE. Metropolitan Books. Kindle \$11.99 and paperback \$9-23.

Ronald Florence, LAWRENCE AND AARONSOHN. Penguin Press. Kindle \$10.99 and paperback various prices. This book is going to be hard to find in paperback format. We hope to have the entire book up on the Electronic Reserves.

S. Yizhar, KHIRBET KHIZEH Jerusalem Ibis Editions. ISBN 978 965 90125-9-6

All other assigned book chapters and articles should be read through Digital Reserves at the Library.

FILMS

We will be using four films as texts for class discussion. They are required. We will not view them in class. Treat them like you would an assigned book or article. They will all be streaming through Digital Reserves. The films listed at the end of the syllabus are suggested topics for your essays.

Lawrence of Arabia

1913 Seeds of Conflict

Khirbet Khizeh

Tantura

Waltz with Bashir

Paradise Now

STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS

Independent Essays: Two five-page essays required. You must have approval for your topic using the Discussion Board. You can use the topics of each lecture, topics and films listed at the end of the syllabus, the issues discussed in the lectures, or the class readings to choose your topics. For each essay you have the chance to submit a rough draft a week early and use the Turnitin report for revisions. You will receive guidelines for writing the essays. Each essay is worth 30 points. Due dates:

October 24 Rough draft Essay One due: optional

October 31 Essay One due
December 3 Rough draft Essay Two due: optional
December 5 Essay Two due

Students are strongly encouraged to visit the Writing Hub at the Teaching and Learning Commons on the ground floor of the Library.

History Club meetings. Each group will meet every Thursdays for the last 20 minutes of the class. We will need volunteer leaders for each group, and those volunteers should choose their topic by October 10. Students will be able to join the topic group of their choice. The aim of the Club meetings is to plan a presentation on the topic they all agree to work on for the last day of class. No points associated with this project. Club meetings could also include conversation about current politics.

Quizzes. There will be five quizzes during the quarter, worth two points each. The quizzes will be posted on five Monday mornings, and you will have the entire day of Monday to complete each quiz. Two points per quiz. Ten points total for quizzes.

Discussion Board on CANVAS. Total number of available points is 30. Each paragraph-long post will count for 3 points. Please post your comments in a timely manner. You will be responding to questions about each lecture which will create a thread of student commentary. You may not count your conversations with the professor about your essay topics toward your total number of posts for the quarter.

TOTAL POINTS: 60 for essays; 10 for quizzes; Discussion Board 30

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

September 26: Introduction to the class

No reading. Look through the class materials to begin choosing a topic for your Independent Essay.

October 1: What Mark Twain Saw in 1867: Palestine Before Zionism

Read: Dowty, Chapter One

Institutions and Biographies: Muhammed Ali of Egypt; Ibrahim Pasha, son of Muhanned Ali; Napoleon campaign in Palestine; Ottoman Empire as rulers of Palestine; Christians in Palestine; rural Palestinian social structure; the Bedouin tribes; land tenure and land sales; roads, trains, and mail service; religious and national capitulations; Temple Mount administration.

October 3: Rosh Hashanah Jewish Holiday No Class

October 8: The Politics Theodor Herzl Invented

Read: Dowty Chapter Two and Theodor Herzl, “The Solution to the Jewish Question,” in *The Jew in the Modern World*, 599-602

Institutions and Biographies: Theodor Herzl, Karl Leuger, Dreyfus Affair, Zvi Hirsch Kalischer, Yehuda Hai Alchelai, Moses Hess, Leo Pinsker, Chaim Weizmann, Moses Montefiore, Emperor Wilhelm II of Germany, Duke Friedrich of Baden, Phillip Prince of Eulenburg, Herzl’s family life; fate of Herzl’s children; Puah Rakovsky [Hebrew woman educator Poland], Henriette Szold

Please note the provisional topic of both of your essays on CANVAS on the Discussion Board by today. You may change your topic as you move through the research.

First meeting of the History Clubs

October 10: Why an English Intellectual Fought for an Arab State: The Life of T.E. Lawrence

Read Ronald Florence, Chapters One, Three, Five and Six

Institutions and Biographies: Hassan al-Husseini, Suleiman Pasha, Princess Caroline, Lady Hester Stanhope, Abdullah Pasha, Mustafa the Criminal, Rachel’s Tomb, Nathaniel Rothschild, Benjamin Disraeli, Queen Victoria, David Alroy, Laurence Oliphant; Yusuf Khalidi, Baedeker touring guides; Hamman Bathhouses, Dajani, Yusuf al-Diya al-khalidi, Abdul-Hamid II, Khafiya, Umar al-Husseini, Lionel de Rothschild

Watch *Lawrence of Arabia*

Monday October 14 First Quiz

October 15: First Encounters Between Zionists and Local Arabs

Read Gershon Shafir, “Revolutionary Pioneer: Manya Shochat and Her Commune,” in Mark LeVine and Gershon Shafir, eds., *Struggle and Survival in Palestine/Israel* and Dowty, 193-202

Institutions and Biographies: Sejera training farm; Women’s Farm at the Kinneret; Hannah Meisel; Kibbutz Degania; Arab labor; Rothschild settlements; Eliezer and Hemda Ben-Yehuda; Arthur Ruppin; David Ben Gurion; Rahel Yanait Ben Zvi; Israel Shochat; Ha-Shomer; Khalil al-Sakakini; Poalei Zion; Hapoel Hazair; Najib Azouri; Haj Amin al-Husseini

October 17: Aaron Aaronsohn and the Technology of Zionism

Read: Florence, Chapters Four, Eight and Ten

Institutions and Biographies: labor Zionism; Second Aliyah; the Twelve Hebrew Republics; diplomatic Zionism; Israel Zangwill, Maurice de Hirsch, Jacob Schiff, Galveston Plan, Nicholas II, Ruhi Khalidi, Hussein Effendi al-Husseini, Ismail al-Husseini, Cyril Naumov, Stephen Graham, Monty Parker, Sword of Muhammad

History Clubs meet

October 22: Wasif Jawhariyyeh, Musician, Poet, Official in Ottoman Jerusalem

Read: Salim Tamari, "A Musician's Lot: Wasif Jawhariyyeh's Old Jerusalem," in LeVine and Shafir, *Struggle and Survival*, 51-62

Institutions and Biographies: Armenians in Jerusalem; Eastern Orthodox religion; Mayor Salim al-Husseini; Mayor Faigy al-Alamy; Ottoman army recruitment in Palestine; tasks of barbers in this setting; Hussein Effendi; Arab riots 1936-39; friends of WJ; Khalil Sakakini; cultural hybridity; Red Crescent Society

Watch film *1913: Seeds of Conflict*

October 24: Was Zionism Settler Colonialism?

Derek Penslar, "Is Zionism a Colonial Movement?" Chapter Two of *Colonialism and the Jews*

Guest Lecturer: Visiting Professor Giora Goodman of Kinneret College in Israel

Institutions and Biographies: Arab Awakening; capitulations; restrictions on Jews in Palestine obtaining Ottoman citizenship; Ottomans as allies of Germany in World War Two; Committee of Union and Progress CUP; Abdul Hamid II; Mustafa Kemal Ataturk

History Clubs meet.

Rough draft of Essay One: optional

Monday October 28 Quiz Two

October 29: The Schochat Family in Istanbul, the Aaronsohns in Zichron Yaakov

Segev, Chapters One through Five

Institutions and Biographies: Alter Levine, Otis Glazebrook, Rehovot, Antonia de la Cierva, Al-Aqsa Mosque, Meir

Dizengoff, the American Colony Hotel, Hebron, Ramle, Lydda, Tel Aviv, Mordechai Ben-Hillel, Yosef Chaim Brenner, Boris Schatz

October 31: Understanding Palestine in the Lense of History

Gary Fields, *Palestinian Landscapes in a Historical Mirror*, 1-22 and Chapter Eight

History Clubs meet

Essay Two due

November 4: “In Our Lovely Country There Exists an Entire People” The Yitzhak Epstein Debate of 1907

Yitzhak Epstein, “The Hidden Question,” in *The Jew in the Modern World*, 631-635

Institutions and Biographies: Arthur Balfour; the Rothschild family in England; Lloyd George; Yosef Eliahu Shlush, Kafr Jamal, Edwin Samuel, Ronald Storrs, Old City, Harry Luke, Edward Keith-Roach

November 7: Chaim Weizman and World Zionism in 1918

Read: Segev, Chapters Six, Eight and Ten

Institutions and Biographies: Chaim Weizman, Menachem Ussishkin; David Ben Gurion; James H. Pollock, Mark Sykes, British Jewry, Chaim Nachman Bialik, Montague David Eder

History Clubs meet

Monday November 11: Quiz Three

November 12: The Contradictory Tasks of the British Mandate

Read: Segev Chapters Thirteen Fifteen and Seventeen

Institutions and Biographies: Jemal the Slaughterman, General Kress, Falkenhayn, Izzat Bey, St Stephens Gate, Hussein Husseini, Menashe Elyashar, Edmund Allenby, George Adam Smith, Hajim Bey, General Shea, Sherifian Camel Corps, James de Rothschild, Ihsan Turjman, Khalil Sakakini, Fast Hotel, Andrew Carnegie

November 14: The Rise of Arab Nationalism

Read Ilan Pappé, *History of Modern Palestine*, Chapter Three

Institutions and Biographies: Hazem Nusseibeh, Earl Peel, Amir Abdullah, Hajj Amin al-Husseini, Ragheb Nashashibi, Abd al-Kadir Husseini, Musa Kazem Husseini, Charles Tegart, Arthur Harris, Orde Windgate; East Arab Corps, Night Squads

History Clubs meet

November 19: The Decision to Declare a State in May of 1948

Read Segev, Chapters Twenty-One, Twenty-Two and Twenty-Three

Institutions and Biographies: Evelyn Barker, Katy Antonius, Al-Muqadam, Walter Alexander Smart, Richard Crossman, Ya'akov Cohen, Yitzhak Sadeh, Jewish terror groups; Raymond Cafferata, Kupperman, , Lechi, Operation Agatha, Kibbutz Yagur, Viscount Montgomery, Clement Attlee, King David Hotel

Watch the film *Tantura*

November 21: Witnessing and Explaining the Naqba

Read the novel by S Yizhar, *Khirbet Khizeh*

Watch the film *Khirbet Khizeh [Hizaa]*, directed by Ram Loevy, 1978

Institutions and Biographies: General Cunningham; Irgun; King Abdullah; President Truman; Chaim Weizmann; David Ben Gurion; Golda Meier; Glubb Pasha; Hashemites; Arab Legion; Burma Road; Yitzhak Rabin; Swedish Count Bernadotte; armistices with Arab states; United Nations role in ending the war; Abdullah the Hasty

History Clubs meet

November 25: Quiz Four

November 26 No Class

November 28 No Class

December 3 Map of Palestinian Politics Since 1967

Read Colin Shindler, *A History of Modern Israel*, 150-174

Watch *Walzing with Bashir* and *Paradise Now*

Institutions and Biographies: Benjamin Netanyahu; Shimon Peres; Greater Israel; Wailing Wall; archaeological discoveries; Temple Mount; Hamas-Fatah split; Anwar Sadat; Menachem Begin; Oslo peace talks; Wye agreements; Ariel Sharon; Palestinian Authority; Yasser Arafat; President Bill Clinton

Rough Draft of Essay Two: optional

December 4 Quiz Five

December 5: HISTORY CLUB PRESENTATIONS

Monday December 7: Essay Two Due

PROMPTS FOR ESSAY AND HISTORY CLUB TOPICS

FILMS

Salt of this Sea, The Present, When I saw You, Ghost Hunting, Ave Maria, Frontiers of Dreams and Fears, Children of Shatila, 3000 Nights, A Man Returned, A Drowning Man, 3 Logical Exits, A World Not Ours, Xenox, Divine Intervention, Paradise Now, Chronicle of A Disappearance, In Vitro, Maradona's Legs, The Crossing, Bonbone, Condom Lead, Mars at Sunrise, Girafada, Samouni Road, The Wanted 18, Pomegranates and Myrrh, Occupation 101, 1948: Creation and Catastrophe

MEMOIRS

Elias Chacour, *We Belong to the Land*
Elias Chacour, *Blood Brothers*,
Sandy Tolan, *The Lemon Tree*,
Pamela Olson, *Fast Times in Palestine*,
Edward Said, *Out of Place*,
Donald Wagner, *Anxious for Armageddon*,
Miko Peled, *The General's Son*,
Rula Jebreal, *Miral*,
Susan Abulawa, *Mornings in Jenin*,
Elias Khoury, *Gate of the Sun*,
Refatt Alareer, *Gaza Writes Back*
Amos Oz, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*
Golda Meier, *My Life*
David Ben Gurion, *Memoirs of Ben Gurion*
Chaim Weizmann, *Trial and Error*
Manya Wilebeschewitz Shochat, *Before Golda*