



It is important to be clear about the ways in which this conflict now resonates: Since the outbreak of the current war on October 7, 2023, [hate speech](#) and violent incidents against Jews, Muslims, and Palestinians have spiked across North America, including on university campuses. This has included the [shooting and wounding](#) of three Palestinian men celebrating Thanksgiving in Vermont; the [stabbing death](#) of a Palestinian child in Chicago; [death by involuntary homicide](#) of a Jewish protester in California

**Assignments and Grading:**

**1-Short Analysis Paper (10%): (posted 24 Jan., due 28 Jan.)**

-Approx. 1000 words in length

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**Caplan, Ch. 1-2**, "Problems in Defining the Conflict," and "Defining the Conflict, Nevertheless," pp. 1-38.

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Edward E. Azar, et. al, "Protracted Social Conflict; Theory and Practice in the Middle East," *Journal of Palestine Studies* 8, 1 (Autumn 1978): 41-60.

Kelman, Herbert C., "The Interdependence of Israeli and Palestinian National Identities: The Role of the Other in Existential Conflicts," *Journal of Social Issues* 55, no. 3 (1999): 581-600.

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**Rashid Khalidi**, *Palestinian Identity* (New York: Columbia University Press 1998) pp. 145-177.

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**Primary documents** (Available here [Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace](#)) - Theodor Herzl, "Der Judenstaat" - The Basle Declaration "The McMahon Letter" (1915) "The Sykes-Picot Agreement" (1916) "The Balfour Declaration" (1917)

**Recommended:**

Khalidi, Rashid. 2020 *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917-2017* (version First edition) First ed. New York: Metropolitan Books, Henry Holt and Company, Preface and Ch.1

Samih K. Farsoun, *Palestine and the Palestinians*. Boulder, -1997 Edward W. Said, *The Question of Palestine*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1978

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**Week 4: (29 & 31 Jan.): The 1956 and 1967 Wars**

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**R.B. Parker. 1993.** *The Politics of Miscalculation in the Middle East*, pp.358, available via the library website as an e-book

**Laura James,** "Nasser and his Enemies: Foreign Policy Decision Making in Egypt on the Eve of the Six Day War," MERIA 9, no. 2 (June 2005): 23-38.

**Primary Documents** (links via MyCourses): UN Security Council Resolution 242

**Recommended:**

David Tal, "Israel's Road to the 1956 War," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 28, no. 1 (February 1996): 5981.

Michael Oren, "[Did Israel want the Six Day War?](#)" *The Jerusalem Post* 14/5/07

-Abba Eban, "[Speech at the Special Assembly of the United Nations](#)" June 19, 1967

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**Week 5: (5 & 7 Feb.): Palestinian Militancy and the 1973 War**

**Caplan, Ch. 8,** "Back to the Core: Israel and the Palestinians," pp. 160-177

**Avi Shlaim,** "National Intelligence Failures: The Case of the Yom Kippur War," *World Politics* (April 1976)

**Bahgat Korany,** "The Glory That Was? The Pan-Arab, Pan-Islamic Alliance Decisions, October 1973," *International Political Science Review* 5, no. 1 (1984): 47 -74.

**Recommended:**

Shazly, Saad E-Din. 1980. *The Crossing of the Suez* (San Francisco, CA: American Middle East Association (en-CA048>



David Remnick “[The Lobby](#)” *New Yorker* 3 September 2007.

Christopher Hitchens, “[Overstating Jewish Power](#)” *Slate Magazine*, March 2006.

Paul D. Miller. 2014. “Evangelicals, Israel, and US Foreign Policy” *Survival* Vol.26 No.1 pp.7-26

**Recommended:**

Mark Lander, “Potent Pro-Israel Group Finds Its Momentum Blunted,” *New York Times*, 3 Feb 2014

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Ariel Ilan Roth, “Reassurance: A Strategic Basis of U.S. Support for Israel,” *International Studies Perspectives*, Vol. 10, No. 4 (2009), pp. 373.

William B. Quandt, *Peace Process: American Diplomacy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict Since 1967* (Wash.D.C.: The Brookings Institution Press, 2005), pp.20 (access it via google books)

**Week 10: (18 & 20 Mar.): The First Intifada and the Oslo Peace Processes**

Caplan, Ch. 10, “From Boycott to Mutual Recognition”

Salim Tamari, “What the Uprising Means.” in *Intifada: The Palestinian Uprising Against Israel*. Zachary Lockman and Joel Beinin (eds). Boston: South End Press pp.118-138 (Ch. 9).

Ziad Abu-Amr, “The Politics of the Intifada,” in Michael C. Hudson, ed. *The Palestinians: New Directions*. Washington, DC: Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, 1990, pp. 323

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Avi Shlaim. “The Oslo Accord” *Journal of Palestine Studies* XXXIII (3) 1994, pp.24-40.

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Anne Grace, “The Tax Resistance at Bayt Sahur,” *Journal of Palestine Studies* 19.2 (Winter, 1990), pp. 97.- Mary King, *The Quiet Revolution* Smith, “From Pariah to Partner: The PLO and the Quest for Peace in Global Regional Contexts, 1984

1993” - R. Hinnebusch “Does Syria Want Peace?” *Journal of Palestine Studies*. XXVI (1): 1996, pp.42-57

**Week 11: (25 & 27 Mar.): The Second Intifada and the Gaza Wars**

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Dennis Ross, Gridi Gristein, Hussein Agha, Robert Malley, “[Camp David: An exchange](#)” *The New York Review of Books*, September 20, 2001

Jaeger, David. A., Esteban F. Klor, Sami H. Miaari, and M. Daniele Paserman. 2014. “Can Militants Use Violence to Win Public Support? Evidence from the Second Intifada.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

Daniel Byman and Natan Sachs, “The Rise of Settler Terrorism,” *Foreign Affairs* 19.5 (Sep/Oct 2012): 736.







Israel Studies Forum 21, no. 2 (Winter 2006): 87-88. Barak Ravid, "[The secret fruits of the peace talks, a future point of departure](#)," Haaretz 5 July 2014.

**Last Class: (11 April) – The Abraham Accords and the Palestine Impasse**

**Blum, Howard. 2017.** "[What Trump Really Told Kislyak After Comey Was Canceled](#)," *Vanity Fair* (22 November)

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