Israel Studies

ISRL

ISRL289I  The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict: Fundamental Questions
Credits: 3
Grading Method: Regular, Pass-Fail, Audit
General Education: DSHS, SCIS

Why are Palestinians and Israelis unable to resolve their conflict? Will they ever? Using insights and methodologies from a variety of disciplines and contrasting interpretations of history, this course will examine why the Palestinian-Israeli conflict continues, why it has become so central in world politics and how it connects with other global issues.

0101  Paul Scham
Seats (Total: 80, Open: 48, Waitlist: 0)
TuTh 3:30pm - 4:45pm
TWS 0310

ISRL329E  Special Topics in Israel Studies; Israel and the Arab Spring
Credits: 3
Grading Method: Regular, Pass-Fail, Audit

Topics in the study of Zionism and contemporary Israel from the 1880's to the present at an intermediate level. Individual sections may address history, politics, or culture.

Also offered as GVPT309L. Credit granted for GVPT309L or ISRL329E. This course will explore and analyze the political, diplomatic, and strategic effects of the Arab Spring and its continuing after effects on the State of Israel, using that as a lens to study the contemporary Middle East. It starts with a preliminary study of Israel's foreign policy and then examines the effects of the Arab Spring on its domestic politics: relations with other regional actors, the Palestinians, and the United States; and Israel's strategy towards non-state actors such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and ISIS.

0101  Moran Stern
Seats (Total: 40, Open: 0, Waitlist: 16)
W 4:00pm - 6:30pm
TYD 2111

ISRL329F  Special Topics in Israel Studies; The History of Economic Policy in Palestine/Israel
Credits: 3
Grading Method: Regular, Pass-Fail, Audit

Topics in the study of Zionism and contemporary Israel from the 1880's to the present at an intermediate level. Individual sections may address history, politics, or culture.
Prerequisite: ECON201. Also offered as ECON398J. Credit granted for ECON398J or ISRL329F. This course examines economic policy in Palestine/Israel from 1999 (under Ottoman rule) through the British Mandate (1922-48) until 1988, when the current neo-liberal economic policy began. It will examine how the governments and society dealt with issues such as growth versus equality (distributive justice); ideology versus praxis; local original policy versus imported policy; and politics versus academic economics - who decides and under what circumstances?

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**ISRL349Q**

**Investigating Topics in Israel Studies; The Self and the "Other" in Israeli Culture: Literature, Film, and Television**

Credits: 3

Grading Method: Regular, Pass-Fail, Audit

*Topics in the study of Zionism and contemporary Israel from the 1880's to the present at an intermediate level. Individual sections may address history, politics, or culture.*

Also offered as CMLT398B, HEBR498Q, and JWST319Q. Credit granted for CMLT398B, HEBR498Q, JWST319Q, or ISRL349Q. Modern Israel includes people of many different faiths, ethnicities, languages, and cultures, but, Jews of European origin have generally dominated its political and cultural climate. Through literature and film, we will explore how the sense of the "self" is constructed and how the "other" is imagined in Israeli culture. "Others" include Palestinians, Sephardim, Mizrahim, non-Zionists, women, and Eastern Europeans who do not relinquish their ties to the past, as well as other individuals who resist the collective ideologies of a nation constructing itself. All texts and teaching will be in English; no knowledge of Hebrew is required.

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**ISRL349Z**

**Investigating Topics in Israel Studies; Beyond Black and White: Jews and Representations of Race**

Credits: 3

Grading Method: Regular, Pass-Fail, Audit

General Education: DSHU, DVUP

*Topics in the study of Zionism and contemporary Israel from the 1880's to the present at an intermediate level. Individual sections may address history, politics, or culture.*

Also offered as JWST319M. Credit granted for ISRL349Z or JWST319M. An examination of Western constructions and representations of 'race' from medieval times to the modern rise of Zionism and the founding of Israel, with a focus on how Jews utilized the racial discourses of each period to negotiate their position within Western history.

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ISRL448M  
**Seminar in Israel Studies; The Israeli War Discourse, 1967-2017**

Credits: 3  
Grading Method: Regular, Pass-Fail, Audit

*Intensive study of an Israel Studies topic. Expected work product is a substantial research or analysis paper or appropriate equivalent.*

Recommended: Some knowledge of Israel or a previous Israel Studies course. This online course focuses on a unique Israeli phenomenon, 'war-normalizing discourse', a set of linguistic and cultural devices that blur the various characteristics of war by transforming it into a “normal” part of life. We will examine the reciprocal relations between this discourse, Israeli culture and society, and foreign policy.

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ISRL448T  
**Seminar in Israel Studies; Israel's Occupation at 50**

Credits: 3  
Grading Method: Regular, Pass-Fail, Audit

*Intensive study of an Israel Studies topic. Expected work product is a substantial research or analysis paper or appropriate equivalent.*

Also offered as JWST319J and HIST428X. Credit granted for ISRL448T, JWST429D, or HIST428X.

Now in its fiftieth year, Israel's occupation of the West Bank is the longest continuous military occupation in the world. This seminar will examine its history, the radical transformation of Israeli policy towards Palestinians over five decades, and its impact on the daily lives of Palestinians struggling with the ongoing military and settler presence in their land. The seminar will conclude with a discussion of continued Palestinian resistance to military occupation, including the use of terror against civilians.

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