



The Palestinian-Arab Citizens of Israel

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Course Description

Arab citizens are a significant minority in the State of Israel, consisting of almost 21% of the population. Many Arab citizens self-identify as Palestinian and consider themselves Palestinian citizens of Israel. Palestinian-Arab citizens of Israel are a diverse and dynamic minority, trying to preserve its culture and its national identity, while struggling for equality in an ethnic state. Students in this course will study this minority group, explore the historical context in which it was created, become familiar with its demographic, religious and geographic characteristics and understand its socio-economic conditions. Topics that will be covered include how this minority navigates its complex identity and the various historical events that have shaped the relationship between Palestinian-Arab citizens and the state between 1948 and the present. The different forms and recent developments in their political participation and their attempts at self-expression in the arts and the media will also be discussed. Since the majority of Palestinian-Arab citizens of Israel live in Haifa, the Galilee and the Northern part of Israel, and since Haifa has become a cultural hub for those citizens, this course will give considerable attention to Palestinian-Arab social and cultural life in Haifa and the surrounding Arab cities and towns. Students will discover a rich, changing and vibrant population, and will better understand the depth and complexity of life in Israel.

Course Requirements:

- Regular class attendance. Class attendance is a formal requirement of the University and of the International School, and it is used as one of the factors to determine your final grade in this course. If you must miss a class for health or other legitimate reasons, please notify the instructor - do not just disappear. **If you miss more than two classes (even if you have a health reason), you will place yourself in danger of not receiving credit for the class.** You are required to attend the first day of classes (i.e. February 22).
- Completion of the reading assignment for each week. Readings will be posted on the Moodle under the relevant week and it is the student's responsibility to track and download those readings.

- Regular reading of Ha'aretz in English and any other newspapers or magazines that address issues relating to the Palestinian Arab Citizens of Israel.
- Active participation in class discussions, **15% of final grade**.
Please make sure that your computer microphone and camera work when we are on Zoom calls.
- One short oral presentation to the class based on current events and reading assignments, **5% of final grade**. A one page write up of your sources and analysis, due on the Friday before your presentation, **10% of final grade**.
- Two short papers on assigned topics:
 - 1) A three page paper due on Friday March 18, **10% of final grade**.
 - 2) A six page paper due on Friday May 7, **20% of final grade**.
- Final Exam: Essay and short answers exam-**40% of final grade**.

Syllabus & Topics:

The instructor might make some changes in the syllabus in the course of the semester. If any changes are made the purpose will be to enhance the syllabus with more appropriate reading materials or to re-organize the order in which the material is presented.

1) Introduction & Background on Minority/Majority Relations

- **Everett, Jim A.C.**, Intergroup Conflict Theory: Past, Present and Future, IM Mind Magazine, Issue 17, February 2013.
<https://www.in-mind.org/users/jim-a-c-everett>
- **Kymlicka, Will**. Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights 1996. Introduction.
- **Smootha, Sammy**, "Control of Minorities in Israel and Northern Ireland", *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, April 1980, Vol. 22, No. 2, pp. 256-280.
- **Ben-Porat, Guy**. "Multicultural Realities", in *Israel Studies: An Anthology*. 2009. Bard, Mitchell G. and Nachmias, David. Eds.
<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/isdf/text/anthologycvr.html>.

2) Historical Background: The Creation of the Arab Minority in Israel

- Watch The Film. **Al Nakba: The Palestinian Catastrophe 1948** (1997).
<https://vimeo.com/3714871>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bsplHqfKNY&t=92s>
- **Donna Robinson Divine**, *Politics and Society in Ottoman Palestine: The Arab Struggle for Survival and Power*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder, 1994. Intro pp. 1-11 & Conclusion pp. 191-211. Historical background.
- **Kimmerling, Baruch, & Migdal, Joel S.** “The Revolt of 1834 and the Making of Modern Palestine”, Chapter 1 in *Palestinians: The Making of a People*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 1998. pp. 3-35.
- **Raz, Adam.** “When Israel Placed Arabs in Ghettos Fenced by Barbed Wire”, Haaretz, 27 May 2020. <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-when-israel-placed-arabs-in-ghettos-fenced-by-barbed-wire-1.8877340>

3) Social, cultural, political characteristics and Military Administration (1948 – 1966).

- Watch Film. **Wedding in the Galilee** (1987).
- **Jiryis, Sabri.** The Arabs in Israel. The Institute for Palestine Studies Beirut, 1968. Chapter 1, pp. 1-54
- **Sa’di, Ahmad.** “Control and Resistance at local Lever Institutions: A Study of Kafr Yassif’s Local Council Under the Military Government”, Arab Studies Quarterly (ASQ) Summer 2001 v. 23 i3 pp. 31-47.
- **Kimmerling, Baruch, & Migdal, Joel S.** “The Meaning of Disaster”, Chapter 5 in *Palestinians: The Making of a People*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 1998, pp. 127-156.

4) From Military Administration to Political Protest (1966-1976).

- **Sandler, Shmuel.** “Israeli Arabs and the Jewish State: The Activation of a Community in Suspended Animation”, Middle Eastern Studies, October 1995, V. 31, No.4 p. 932-952. (Special Issue: Israel).
- **Sa’di, Ahmad,** “The Koenig Report and Israeli Policy Towards the Palestinian Minority 1965-1976: Old Wine in New Bottles”, Arab Studies Quarterly, Vol 25, No. 3, Summer 2003, pp.51-61.
- **Nakhleh, Khalil.** “The Direction of Local-Level Conflict in Two Arab Villages in Israel” American Ethnologist, Vol. 2, No. 3 (August 1975) pp. 497-516.

5) Social, cultural and political changes 1966-2000.

- Watch Film. **I am Ahmad** (1966)

- **Kimmerling, Baruch, & Migdal, Joel S.(1998).** “The Odd Man Out: Arabs in Israel”, Chapter 6 in *Palestinians: The Making of a People*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 1998, pp. 159-184
- **Lustick, Ian.(1980).** Arabs in the Jewish State: Israel’s Control of a National Minority. University of Texas Press, 1980. pp. 170-197.
- **Ghanem, As’ad(2001).** Chapter 2, “Political and Ideological Streams among the Palestinian-Arab Minority in Israel”, Chapter 3, “The Israeli-Arab Stream”, and Chapter 4, “The Communist Stream”, in *The Palestinian-Arab Minority in Israel, 1948-2000*. State University of New York Press. pp. 31-94.

6) Politics and Religion in the 1980s and 1990s

- Watch Film. **Paradise Lost** (2003)
- **Ghanem, As’ad(2001).** Chapter 5, “The Nationalist Stream” and Chapter 6, “The Islamist Stream”, in *The Palestinian-Arab Minority in Israel, 1948-2000*. State University of New York Press. pp. 95-135.
- **On Palestinians in the Israeli Knesset: Interview with Azmi Bishara**
Azmi Bishara; Sara Scalenghe; Steve Rothman; Joel Beinin. *Middle East Report*, No. 201, Israel and Palestine: Two States, Bantustans or Binationalism? (Oct. - Dec., 1996), pp. 27-28 & 30.
- **The Islamic Movement Inside Israel, an Interview with Shaykh Ra’id Salah.**
Journal of Palestine Studies, Vol. 36, No. 2, Winter 2007, pp. 66-76
- **Rubin Peled, Alisa.** "Towards Autonomy? The Islamist Movement’s Quest for Control of Islamic Institutions in Israel," *The Middle East Journal*, Vol. 3, (Summer 2001), pp. 378-398.

7) The Events of October 2000 and the Relationship with the Police.

- Watch Film: **Ajami** (2009).
- **Daghash, El-Taji, Maha,** The Arab Minority and Police Relations: Rising Arab Intra-Communal and Criminal Violence and the Crisis of Citizenship. Floersheimer Studies. The Institute of Urban and Regional Studies. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Introduction-page 73.
- **Bishara, Azmi.** Reflections on October 2000: a Landmark in Jewish Arab Relations in Israel.
- **Amal Jamal,** “The Arab Leadership in Israel: Ascendance and Fragmentation”, *Journal of Palestine Studies*, Vol XXXV No. 2, Winter 2006, pp. 6-22.

8) The Status of Women.

- Watch Film. **Lady Kul Al-Arab** (2008).
- **Hassan, Manar** (2002). The Politics of Honor: “Patriarchy, the State and the Murder of Women in the Name of Family Honor”, *The Journal of Israeli History*, 21:1, pp. 1-38.
- **Mahajne, Anwar**. “Only Five Arab Women have Served in Israel’s Knesset. And it’s not getting any better”. *Ha’aretz*, 7 February 2019.
- **Judy Maltz**. “In an Israeli Town, Two Arab Women Compete to Make Electoral History”. *Ha’aretz*. 4 July 2018.
- **Moore, Dahlia**. “Gender Identities and Social Action: Arab and Jewish Women in Israel”, *Journal of Applied Behavioral Science*, Vol. 34, No. 1, March 1998, pp. 5-29.

9) Non-Governmental Organizations –Directed Independent Study.

10) The New Generation.

- Watch Film. **In Between** (2016).
- **Monterescu, Daniel & Schickler, Miriam**. “Creative Marginality. Jews, Palestinians and the Alternative Cultural Scene in Tel Avi-Jaffa”, *Ethnologie Francaise* 2015/2 Vol. 45 | pages 293 – 308. This document is a translation of: Daniel Monterescu and Miriam Schickler, « Marginalité créative. La scène alternative judéo-arabe de Tel Aviv-Jaffa », *Ethnologie française* 2015/2 (Vol. 45), p. 293-308.
- **Karkabi, Nadeem**, “How and Why Haifa Has Become the “Palestinian Cultural Capital” in Israel”, *City and Community*, December 2018, 17: 4, p1168-p1188.
- “ Where is Generation Z Going? Between Disappointment and Expectations- Personal, National and Societal Attitudes of Jewish and Arab Youth in Israel”. The Fourth Youth Study of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, April 2017.

11) Local Authorities, Economic Mobility, Marginality & Violence.

- Municipal Elections in 2018: Insights and Trends in Israel’s Arab Society. Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues. November 2018 (13 pages).
- **Migdal, Joel**. “Whose State is it Anyway? Exclusion and the Construction of Graduated Citizenship in Israel”, *Israel Studies Forum*, Volume 21, Issue 2, Winter 2006, pp. 3-27.
- **Izhak Schnell**, “Urban Restructuring in Israeli Arab Settlements”, *Middle Eastern Studies*, April 1994 V. 30, no. 2 p. 330

- **Radai, Itamar et al.** “The Arab Citizen in Israel: Current Trends According to Recent Opinion Polls”. *Strategic Assessment*, Vol 18, No. 2, July 2015 pp. 101-116.
- **Gershon, Shafir.** “From Overt to Veiled Segregation: Israel’s Palestinian Arab Citizens in the Galilee”. *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 50 (2018), pp. 1-22
- **Abu Saad, Ismael.** “Spatial Transformation and Indigenous Resistance: The Urbanization of the Palestinian Bedouin in Southern Israel”, *American Behavioral Scientist* Vol. 51, No. 12, August 2008, pp. 1713-1753.