Public Affairs 5890 – Human Rights in Israel and Palestine  
October 24-December 13, 2017  
Tuesdays, 6:00-8:20 PM  
Wilkins Room 215 – Humphrey School  

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Overview

This 1-credit graduate seminar provides background preparation for the winter study tour to Palestine and Israel, scheduled for December 27, 2017 through January 13, 2018. It provides a basic overview of the history and politics of Israel, Palestine and their human rights communities.

Registration for this class is by instructor permission. Please contact jamesr@umn.edu for details.

Requirements

Attendance in all class sessions is mandatory. Students living outside the Twin Cities area can participate via Webex. Each week prior to class, students will post a 200-word summary of the week’s reading; then, within 48 hours of that class, students will follow up with another 200 words of post-class reflections.

Successful completion of this course (offered on a pass/fail basis) is a pre-requisite for participating in the winter field study course.
Course Plan

October 30, 2017: Overview of Zionism & Israel

- Daniel Gordis, 2016, *Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn*
- Online discussion with Itay Milner, Deputy Israeli Consul General to the Midwest

November 6, 2017: Overview of Palestinian Nationalism & Palestine

- Online discussion with Dr. Husam Zamlot, Palestinian ambassador to the US

November 13, 2017: The Jewish-Israeli Religious Right

- Gershon Gorenberg, 2012. *The Unmaking of Israel*
- In-person discussion with Roger Cohen, international affairs columnist and former foreign editor for the *New York Times.*

November 20, 2017: Palestinian Islamists


November 27, 2017: The Secular Palestinian Struggle

- Online discussion with Joyce Ajlouny, Executive Director, American Friends Service Committee.

December 4, 2017: The Palestinian Human Rights Community

- Online discussion with Fateh Azzam, Senior Policy Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights, Harvard University.

December 11, 2017: The Israeli Human Rights Community
