Course Title: War and Peace in Israel and Palestine
Course Code: HIS 31
Instructor: Marwan Daoud Hanania, Ph.D.
Course Dates: Saturday November 13th, Sunday November 14th, Saturday November 20th, Sunday November 21st
Course Meeting Times: 9:00 - 11:30 am (PT)

Note About Live Attendance and Recording:
This course will be taught live, online. Class sessions will not be recorded.

Course Summary:
The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one of the world’s most enduring political and human tragedies. As we have seen recently, it continues to flare up and capture media attention all over the world. To provide deeper understanding of the historical background and political realities of this conflict, this course examines the history of Arab-Jewish relations (and, later, Palestinian-Israeli tensions) from the late 19th century to the present.

*Please see course page for full description and additional details.

Grade Options and Requirements:

- No Grade Requested (NGR)
  - This is the default option. No work will be required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided.
- Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)
  - Score will be determined by student attendance and participation. Students must attend at least 80% of class sessions and actively participate in class to receive credit.
- Letter Grade (A, B, C, D, No Pass)
  - Students must attend all four class sessions and complete a five to six page written paper that addresses a major theme pertaining to Islamic history and/or civilization.

*Please Note: If you require proof that you completed a Continuing Studies course for any reason (for example, employer reimbursement), you must choose the Credit/No Credit option. Courses taken for NGR will not appear on official transcripts or grade reports.
**Tentative Outline:**

**Day I:**

Why is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict important?  
Different approaches to studying the Israeli-Palestinian conflict  
Christians, Jews, and Muslims in the Middle East  
Christianity, Judaism, and Islam’s ties to Israel/Palestine  
Jewish-Muslim co-existence and discord through the centuries  
The Jewish Diaspora:  
  - Historical overview  
  - Integration, segregation, and persecution  
  - Geographical distribution  
Palestine under the Ottoman Empire:  
  - Historical Background  
  - State Policy  
  - Reform  
  - Religion, Culture and Society  
  - Economy  
Zionism and the Zionist Movement, 1870-1914  
  - Origin and Development of Zionism  
  - Major Ideas  
Palestinian and Arab Nationalism, 1870-1914  
  - Organization  
  - Major Ideas  
Early Reactions to Zionism/Palestinian and Arab Nationalism

**Day II:**

World War I, the Post-War Settlement, and the Mandate for Palestine:  
  - Palestinian and Arab nationalism  
  - Sykes-Picot Agreement  
  - Husayn-McMahon Correspondence  
  - Balfour Declaration  
  - Military outcomes of WWI  
  - The creation of the post-war mandatory system  
The British Mandate  
Palestinian Leadership and Politics  
Zionist Leadership and Politics  
Factors leading to the Arab Revolt  
Impact of the Arab Revolt  
British Policy after 1939  
The Middle East during World War II  
The Legacy of the Holocaust  
The UN Partition Plan  
The Arab-Jewish Civil War
The Establishment of the State of Israel
The 1947-1949 Wars (the Arab-Jewish Civil War and the Arab-Israeli War, both popularly known as the 1948 War)
The Palestinian Refugee Crisis
The Impact of 1948 on Israeli and Palestinian Collective Memory
Debate about Reasons for Palestinian Flight and Responsibility for the Refugee Crisis

**Day III:**
Israel and Palestinian-Israelis
The Rise of Nasser and Pan-Arab Nationalism
The Suez Conflict of 1956
Pan-Arabism: Successes and Failures
The Establishment of the PLO and Fatah
Israeli Politics to 1967
Superpower Rivalries and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Causes and Events Leading to the 1967 War
Major Military Events and Short-term Results
Outcomes: Territory, Refugees and a Changed Regional and International Political Landscape
The Khartoum Conference
UN Security Council Resolution 242
Long-Term Impact of the 1967 War
The Battle of Karameh and the Rise of Fatah
The Jordanian-Palestinian Civil Conflict of 1970-1971
Israel, the PLO and Lebanon
Cold War Diplomacy
The 1973 War
Israel and Palestinian Tactics and Strategies, 1968-1987
The conflict in Lebanon and its relationship to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 1975-2006
The Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty and its Impact on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
The West Bank under Israeli Occupation
Israel and the PLO after Lebanon
The Tail-End of the Cold War

**Day IV:**
The First Intifada: Roots, Events, Consequences
The First Gulf War and its Impact on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
The Madrid Talks
The Oslo Accords
The Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement (Oslo 2)
Palestinian Opposition to Oslo
Israeli Opposition to Oslo
The Camp David Negotiations
The Taba Discussions
Reasons for Failure and Differing Interpretations
Causes of the Second Intifada
Major Events and Consequences of the Second Intifada
The Separation Barrier and the Consolidation of Settlements
Israeli Disengagement from Gaza
The Annapolis Conference
Israeli Invasions of Gaza
The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Today:
  - Major issues and sources of disagreement
  - Internal Israeli Divisions
  - Internal Palestinian Divisions
  - The role of the US and other powers
  - The Impact of the Arab Spring and Regional Conflicts

Required Textbook:


First Assignment: