

How Should the Next President of the United States Handle the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?

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February 9, Session 1: How did we get here?

Recommended Readings/Viewing:

A five minute Council on Foreign Relations overview video narrated by me:

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William B. Quandt, American Diplomacy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict since 1967 (1993: Brookings) pp. 1-21.

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Nathan Thrall, "Israel and the US: the Delusions of our Diplomacy," *New York Review of Books*. October 9, 2014: <http://www.nybooks.com/articles/2014/10/09/israel-us-delusions-our-diplomacy/>

Supplemental/Discretionary Readings:

Jeremy Pressman, "From Madrid and Oslo to Camp David: the United States and the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1991-2001" in David Lesch, ed., The United States and the Middle East: A Historical and Political Reassessment, 5th edition. (Boulder, CO: Westview, 2012), pp. 244-261.

Robert O. Freedman, "George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and the Arab-Israeli Conflict," in Ibid., pp. 262-293

March 1, Session 2: The Situation on the Ground Today: Conflict in Regional Context, Israeli and Palestinian politics today

Recommended Readings:

["No Exit? Gaza & Israel Between Wars."](#) International Crisis Group. Middle East Reports no. 162. August 26, 2015. (Read the summary at minimum)

Mouin Rabbani, ["Another Palestinian Uprising?"](#) Middle East Institute. August 5, 2015.

Gregg Carlstrom, ["Can Anyone Prevent a Third Intifada?"](#) *Foreign Policy*. October 14, 2015.

Khaled Elgindy, "Lost in the Chaos: the Palestinian Leadership Crisis" The Washington Quarterly. January 14, 2016.
(https://twq.elliott.gwu.edu/sites/twq.elliott.gwu.edu/files/downloads/TWQ_Winter2016_Elgindy.pdf)

Natan Sachs, "[Why Israel Waits: Anti-Solutionism as a Strategy.](#)" *Foreign Affairs* 94, no. 6 (November/December 2015): 74-82.

Supplemental/Discretionary Readings:

Nathan J. Brown and Daniel Nerenberg. [Palestine in Flux: From Search for State to Search for Tactics.](#) Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. January 19, 2016.

Robert Danin [A Third Way to Palestine: Fayyadism and Its Discontents.](#) *Foreign Affairs.* January/February 2011.

Daoud Kuttab, "[The Post-Abbas Palestinian National Struggle.](#)" Middle East Institute. August 10, 2015.

Robert Malley "The Peace Process and the Palestinian National Movement" in , [Pathways to Peace: America and the Arab-Israeli Conflict](#), Daniel C. Kurtzer, editor (2012: Palgrave Macmillan) pp. 109-132.

[Reuven Rivlin Address to 15th Annual Herzliya Conference, June 7, 2015](#) Office of the President of the State of Israel. Speech from Israeli President Reuven Rivlin delivered to the 15th Annual Herzliya Conference in early June, 2015.
http://www.president.gov.il/English/ThePresident/Speeches/Pages/news_070615_01.aspx

Brent Sasley "[Arab Israelis Step Out: Nationalism, Identity, and the Violence in Jerusalem.](#)" *Foreign Affairs.* October 14, 2015.

["The Status of the Status Quo at Jerusalem's Holy Esplanade."](#) International Crisis Group. Middle East Report no. 159. June 30, 2015.

Yezid Sayigh and Saeb Erekat. "[Who Killed the Oslo Accords?](#)" *Al Jazeera.* October 1, 2015.

March 29, Session 3: What should the US Do?

Robert Danin "A Second Chance for the Arab Peace Initiative," *Foreign Policy.* April 30, 2013. (<http://foreignpolicy.com/2013/04/30/a-second-chance-for-the-arab-peace-initiative/>)

Aaron David Miller, Memorandum to the President: Thinking Through an Israeli-Palestinian Initiative, *Pathways to Peace: America and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, Daniel C. Kurtzer, editor (2012: Palgrave Macmillan) pp. 135-155.

Asher Orkaby, "[Rivals with Benefits: Israel and Saudi Arabia's Secret History of Cooperation.](#)" *Foreign Affairs*. March 13, 2015.

Daniel Kurtzer, "Reviving the Peace Process." *The National Interest*, January/February 2012. (<http://www.nationalinterest.org/article/reviving-the-peace-process-6281>)

Supplemental/Discretionary Readings:

Salam Fayyad, "Farewell to Victimhood," The Atlantic Council, January 15, 2016. <http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/publications/articles/farewell-to-victimhood>

Gilead Sher and Avner Halevi, "Disengagement from the West Bank short of Permanent Agreement: Tenable Security Wise? INSS Insight No. 770, November 24, 2015. <http://www.inss.org.il/uploadImages/systemFiles/No.%20770%20-%20Gilead%20and%20Avner%20for%20web372965533.pdf>

Robert Danin, "Ending Gaza's Isolation." *Council on Foreign Relations*, Council on Foreign Relations Policy Innovation Memorandum. <http://www.cfr.org/palestine/ending-gazas-isolation/p31088>

Colum Lynch, "[With Violence Surging in Israel, Washington Retreats From New Diplomatic Push at Turtle Bay.](#)" *Foreign Policy*. October 23, 2015.

Adam Rasgon, "[First, an Economic Peace: Revisiting Israel and Palestine's Paris Protocol.](#)" *Foreign Affairs*. November 17, 2015.