

# Arab-Israeli Conflict

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# Three circles

- Israel-Palestinians
- Israel: Egypt, Jordan, Palestinians, Syria, Lebanon
- Israel: Other Arab countries

# The Land



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# PLO, Israel, Hamas

- Nature of the state (national? Religious? universalist? What values)
- Source of authority
- Who is the “other”?
- How should the “other” be treated?

# What is the conflict about?

	<b>Israeli Perspective</b>	<b>Palestinian perspective</b>
<b>Right to the land</b>	Shared (1947)	Palestinian
<b>Is the “other” a national collective?</b>	Yes/No/Yes	No (traditional position)
<b>Who is a victim?</b>	Holocaust, refusal to accept, use of terror	Loss of land, occupation
<b>Legitimacy of the “other’s” collective project</b>	YES/NO/YES	No (no Jewish nation, and even if there is, illegitimate colonialism)
<b>Acceptance of int’l authority</b>	Yes (before 48), limited (after 48)	No (1947), embrace (after 1967)
<b>Explanation of outcome 1</b>	Effective institutions, leaders	Ineffective, divided institutions, mixed effect of leaders
<b>Explanation of outcome 2</b>	Aligned with successful int’l players	Aligned with the a losing int’l power (Nazis, USSR)

# Israeli – Palestinian Conflict: A Short History

- 1880's: rise of Jewish nationalism in Europe
- 1882-1914: Jewish Immigration under the Ottomans
- 1914-1918: New ruler, new Arab nationalism, New international recognition, some dialogue
- 1918-1948: British Mandate: Change in population, British Change in the 1930's

# Israeli – Palestinian Conflict: A Short History 3

- 1948-1967: Where is the Palestinian problem?
- 1967: The rise of the PLO
- 1987-1993: Resistance (Intifada and Hamas
- 1993-2000: Peace (1993): Local, regional, and the golden decade (the 7 good years)
- 2000: Resistance again, and the rise of Hamas
- 2005: Gaza withdrawal
- 2006: The rise of Hamas to power

# Israeli – Palestinian Conflict: A Short History 2

- The Crucial juncture: 1947-1948
  - UN Resolution
  - War
  - Refugees
  - Loss of all Palestinian territory (Israel/Jordan/Egypt)
  - From inter-communal to regional

# Where from here ?

- Two state solution ?
- One state solution (Israeli control, and then a new South Africa” )?
- Jordan is back ?
- More of the same ?

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