At the crossroads of three continents, the Middle East is home to many diverse peoples, with ancient and proud cultures, in varying stages of political and socio-economic development, often times in conflict. Now in a state of historic flux, the Arab Spring and subsequent upheaval, including the rise of ISIS, have transformed the Middle Eastern landscape, with great consequence for the national security strategies of the countries of the region and their foreign relations. The primary source of the world's energy resources, the Middle East remains the locus of the terror-WMD-fundamentalist nexus, which continues to pose a significant threat to both regional and international security.

The course surveys the national security challenges facing the region's primary players (Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, Israel, the Palestinians, Turkey) and how the convolutions of recent years have affect them. Unlike many Middle East courses, which focus on US policy in the region, the course concentrates on the regional players' perceptions of the threats and opportunities they face and on the strategies they have adopted to deal with them. It thus provides an essential vantage point for all those interested in gaining a deeper understanding of a region, which stands at the center of many of the foreign policy issues of our era. The course is designed for those with a general interest in the Middle East, especially those interested in national security issues, students of comparative politics and future practitioners, with an interest in "real world" international relations and national security.

**Requirements**

**Class Participation** - compulsory attendance. In order to facilitate discussion, please read assigned materials in advance of each class and come prepared to discuss them.

**Midterm (30%), Final (40%)**

**Paper (30%)**

In the role of a senior decision maker from a major Middle Eastern player of their choice (Foreign or Defense Minister, National Security Adviser, Chief of Staff, senior advisor), students will draft a Policy Review to the respective leader (maximum 8 pages double spaced), proposing a review of national security policy in an area of importance to that country. The Review will present:

- The reasons for conducting the review, i.e. the issues to be addressed and why the need has arisen (interests, threats, or opportunities facing the chosen country).
- Relevant Middle Eastern and international actors whose interests or concerns must be addressed.
• Domestic political and bureaucratic players whose interests or concerns must be addressed.
• A brief historical/substantive survey of the issue (paragraphs) and, if appropriate, a theoretical/conceptual model for addressing it.
• A realistic strategy for addressing the issue:
  o Clearly articulated policy objectives and priorities and the metrics for assessing their realization. How will the proposal advance the player’s interests. How will you know that the objectives have been achieved and at what costs.
  o Clearly articulated policy options for achieving the stated objectives and their respective advantages and disadvantages. Which objectives will each of the options achieve, which will they not.
  o The recommended option and why it is better than the others. Your recommendation is a form of a hypothesis – if policy X is adopted, it will lead to desired outcomes Y, Z.
  o Practical means of implementing the recommended option and achieving its objectives (diplomatic, military, economic etc.), i.e. there has to be a clear causal link between the policy and means chosen, and the desired outcome.
  o Means of dealing with the interests and concerns of the other domestic and foreign players involved.
  o Potential pitfalls - risks to successful implementation of the proposed strategy: factors, players, events that may lead to its failure or distortion.
• Students are strongly encouraged to come to office hours to discuss their reviews.

Due Date: Reviews are to be submitted to your TA by email on April 13. Please note class title and number when submitting. It’s the responsibility of the student to make sure the document is properly formatted and attached to the email.

Readings: Required readings are available either in the shared files in Courseworks or through Library E-reserves. Students are responsible for locating required journal articles through Columbia Library or online. All books are available for check out through Lehman Reserves.

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TA:
January 26: The Middle East Today- Overview

- Middle East overview and the Arab Spring
- National Security Planning
- Writing a policy paper

Required
- Pollack, K., et al, The Arab Awakening: America and the Transformation of the Middle East, Brookings, Washington, 2011, articles by: Chapter 18 Reidel (Saudi Arabia), Chapter 19 Sheikh (Jordan), Chapter 29 Maloney (Iran), Chapter 30 Taspinar (Turkey)
- Unchartered Waters; Thinking Through Syria’s Dynamics, International Crisis Group, Middle East Briefing # 31, November 24, 2011

February 2: Egypt – The Center of the Realm?

Required
- Alterman, J.B., Dynamics Without Drama: New Options and Old Compromises in Egypt’s Foreign Policy, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Volume 18, Number 3, October 2005, pp. 357-368
- Alterman, J.B., Egypt in Transition: Insight and Options for U.S. Policy, Center for Strategic and International Studies, January 2012
- Brown, N.J., When Victory Becomes an Option: Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood Confronts Success, Carnegie Foundation, January 2012
- Elgindy, K., Egypt, Israel, Palestine: Prospects for Peace After the Arab Spring,” Cairo Review, 6/2012

Recommended
- Abadi, J., Egypt's Policy Towards Israel: The Impact of Foreign and Domestic Constraints, Israel Affairs, Winter 2006, v 12 #1, pp. 159-174
- Amin, G., Egypt in the Era of Husni Mubarak, American University of Cairo, Cairo, 2011
- Azarva, J., From Cold Peace to Cold War? The Significance of Egypt’s Military Buildup, MERIA, v11 #1, March 2007
- Bahgat, G. The Proliferation of WMD: Egypt, Arab Studies Quarterly, Spring 2007, v 29 #2
- Bowker, R., Egypt and the Politics of Change in the Arab Middle East, Cheltenham, North Hampton, 2010
- Cook, S.A., Egypt – Still America’s Partner?, Middle East Quarterly, June 2000, v. 7 #2
- Dumke, D.T., Congress and the Arab Heavyweights: Questioning the Saudi and Egyptian Alliances, Middle East Policy, Sept. 2006, V 13 # 3, pp. 88-100
- Emad, G., Egyptian-European Relations: From Conflict to Cooperation, Review of International Affairs, Winter 2003, v. 3 #2, pp. 173-189
- Hanna, M.W., The Son Also Rises: Egypt’s Looming Succession Struggle, World Policy Journal, fall 2009, pp. 103-114
- Harb, I., The Egyptian Military in Politics, Middle East Journal, spring 2003, v 47, 2, p. 269
- Helfont, T, Egypt's Wall with Gaza and the Emergence of a New Middle East Alignment, Orbis, summer 2010, pp. 426-439
- Kadry, Said, M., Egypt's Foreign policy in Global Change: The Egyptian Role in Regional and International Politics, Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, December 5, 2006
- Kadry, Said, M., The Inside and the Outside: Egyptian Security Policy in a New Environment, Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, 2004
- Masoud, T., Liberty, Democracy and Discord in Egypt, Washington Quarterly, v 34 #4, fall 2011, pp. 117-129
- Osman, T., Egypt on the Brink; From the Rise of Nasser to the Fall of Mubarak, Yale, New Haven, 2011

February 9: Saudi Arabia – The Keeper of Islam

*Required*
- Gause, F.G., Saudi Arabia in the New Middle East, Council on Foreign Relations, December 2011
Recommended

-Bahgat, G., Nuclear Proliferation: The Case of Saudi Arabia, Middle East Journal, v 60 #3, summer 2006, pp. 421-443
-Bahgat, G., Saudi Arabia and the Arab-Israeli Peace Process, Middle East Policy, v14 #3, fall 2007, pp. 49-59
-Dumke, D.T., Congress and the Arab Heavyweights: Questioning the Saudi and Egyptian Alliances, Middle East Policy, v 13 # 3, fall 2006, pp 88-100
-Jones, T. C., The Iraq Effect in Saudi Arabia, Middle East Report, v 45 #19 September 2005
-Kechichian, L., Saudi’s Will, Middle East Policy, v 10 # 4, February 2003, pp. 47-59
www.mepc.org/public_asp/journal_vol10/0312_kechichian.asp
-Lahn, H. and Stevens, P., Burning Oil to Keep Cool: The Hidden Energy Crisis in Saudi Arabia, Chatam House, Royal Institute of International Affairs, 2011
-Nasr, V., Regional Implications of Shia Revival in Iraq, Washington Quarterly, v 27, 2004
-Pant, H.V., Saudi Arabia Woos China and India, Middle East Quarterly, v13 #4, fall 2006, pp. 45-52
-Podeh, E., From Fahd to Abdullah: The Origins of Saudi Peace Initiatives and Their Impact on the Arab System and Israel, Truman Institute, Hebrew University, 2003
-Yetiv, S.A., Crude Awakenings: Global Oil Security and American Foreign Policy, Cornell, Ithaca, 2004

February 16-February 23:
Part 1- Iran - The New Regional Hegemon? (one and a half classes)
Required
-Allison, G., Will Iran Get a Bomb—or Be Bombed Itself—This Year?, Atlantic, August 1, 2013
-Edelman, E. S. et al, The Dangers of a Nuclear Iran, Foreign Affairs, v 90 #1, January/February 2011

Highly Recommended
-Ross, D. and Makovsky, D., Myths, Allusions and Peace: Finding a New Direction for America in the Middle East, Viking, New York, 2009 chapters 7-9

Recommended
-Ansari, A.M., Confronting Iran: The Failure of American Foreign Policy and the Next Great Crisis in the Middle East, Basic, NY, 2006
-Ansari, A.M., Crisis of Authority: Iran's 2009 Presidential Election, Brookings, Washington DC, 2010
-Bahgat, G., Strategic Rivalry in the Caspian Sea, Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, v 29, summer 2006, pp. 1-17
-Barzegar, K., Iran and the New Iraq, Turkish Journal of International Relations, fall 2006, v 5 #3, pp. 77-88
-Barzegar, K., Iran’s Foreign Policy in Post Invasion Iraq, MIDDLE EAST POLICY, Vol. XV, No. 4, WINTER 2008, pp.47-58
-Berman, I., Tightening the Economic Noose, Middle East Quarterly, v 18 #3, summer 2011
- Gasiorowski, M., *The New Aggressiveness In Iran's Foreign Policy*, *Middle East Policy*, June 2007, v 14 #2, pp. 125-132
- International Military Markets: Middle East and Africa, v.1, chapter on Iranian military budget, force structure and military posture, Forecast International/DMS, 2007
- Kroenig, M., *Time to Attack Iran*, *Foreign Affairs*, v 91 #1 January/February 2012
- Main, S.J., *The Bear, the Peacock, the Eagle, the Sturgeon and the Black, Black Oil: Contemporary Regional Politics in the Caspian Sea*, Conflict Studies Research Center, Defense Academy of the United Kingdom, 2005
- Milani, M., *Tehran's Take*, *Foreign Affairs*, v88 #4, July/August 2009
- Murray, D., *US Foreign Policy and Iran: American-Iranian Relations since the Islamic Revolution*, New York, Routledge, 2010
- Pollack, K.M. and Takehy, R., *Doubling Down on Iran*, *Washington Quarterly*, v 34 # 4, Fall 2011, pp. 7-21
- Sagan, S. D., *How to Keep the Bomb from Iran*, *Foreign Affairs*, v 85, September-October 2006, pp. 45-59

**Part 2 - Iraq (half class)**

**Required**
- Parker, N., *The Iraq We Left Behind*, *Foreign Affairs*, v 91#2, March/April 2012

**Recommended**
- Abdullah, Thabit A. J. *A Short History of Iraq: From 636 to the Present*, 2003
- Fearon, J.D., *Iraq’s Civil War*, *Foreign Affairs*, Mar/Apr 2007
- Graham-Brown, S., Sanctioning Saddam: The Politics of Intervention in Iraq, 1999
- Haass, R.N., and Indyk, M., Beyond Iraq, Foreign Affairs, Jan/Feb 2009
- International Crisis Group, Iraq after the Surge 1 and 2, Middle East Report N.74 and N.75. 2008.
- Jensen, S., Iraq Weathers the Political Storm, Middle East Quarterly, Summer 2011, V 18 # 3, pp.31-34.
- McDowall, David, A Modern History of the Kurds, 1996
- Polk, W., Understanding Iraq: The Whole Sweep of Iraqi History, from Genghis Khan’s Mongols to the Ottoman Turks to the British Mandate and the American Occupation, NY, Harper, 2005
- Pollack, K.M., Prospects for Increased Iranian Influence in Iraq, Brookings, November 15, 2011
- Pollack, K.M., Next Stop Baghdad?, Foreign Affairs. March/April 2002
- Pollack, K.M., Understanding the Iraq Crisis, Brookings, December 24, 2011
- Potter, L. G. and Sick, G., eds., Iran, Iraq, and the Legacies of War, Palgrave, 2004

March 2: Turkey- Rising Power, New Directions?

Required
- Atasoy, S., The Turkish Example: A Model for Change in the Middle East? Middle East Policy, v 18 #3, fall 2011, pp. 86-97
- Aydin, M., Determinants of Turkish Foreign Policy and Turkey's European Vocation, Review of International Affairs, v3 #2, winter 2003, pp. 306-331
- Larabee, F.S., Turkey Rediscovers the Middle East, Foreign Affairs, v 86 #4, July/August 2007, p 103-114
- Reynolds, M. A., Echoes of Empire: Turkey’s Crisis of Kemalism and the Search for an Alternative Foreign Policy, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, June 2012
- Robins, P., Turkish Foreign Policy Since 2002: Between a Post Islamist Government and a Kemalist State, International Affairs, v83 #2, March 2007, pp. 289-304
- Sasley, B.E., Turkish Leaders and Foreign Policy Decision-Making: Lobbying for European Union Membership, Middle Eastern Studies 48.4, 2012
- Somer, M. and Liaras, E.G., Turkey's New Kurdish Opening: Religious Versus Secular Values, Middle East Policy, v17#2, summer 2010, pp. 152-165
- Taspinar, O., Turkey’s Strategic Vision and Syria, Washington Quarterly 35.3, 2012
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- Akcapar, B., Turkey's New European Era: Foreign Policy on the Road to EU Membership, Rowman and Littlefield, Lanham, 2007
- Akturk, u., Turkish-Russian Relations After the Cold War 1992-2002, Turkish Studies, v7 #3, autumn 2006, pp. 337-364
- Altunisik, M. B. and Martin, L.G., Making Sense of Turkish Foreign Policy in the Middle East Under AKP, Turkish Studies, v 12 #4, December 2011, pp. 569-587
- Altunisik, M. B., Turkey: Challenges of Continuity and Change, Routledge, NY 2004
- Ankara Papers, Main Determinants of Turkish Foreign Policy in the Middle East, V8. #1, 2003, pp. 5-22
- Ankara Papers, Turkey's Relations With Its Middle Eastern Neighbors, v8 #1, 2003, pp. 23-47
- Aras, B. et al., Turkey New Activism in Asia, Alternatives, v8 # 2, summer 2009, pp. 24-39
- Arikan, H., Turkey and the EU: An Awkward Candidate for EU Membership?, Aldershot, Burlington, 2007
- Aydin, M. and Ifantis, K., eds., Turkish-Greek Relations: The Security Dilemma in the Aegean, Routledge, NY 2004
- Ayrinli, E., A Paradigmatic Shift for the Turkish Generals and an End to the Coup Era in Turkey, Middle East Journal, v63 #4, autumn 2009, pp. 581-596
- Diez, T., Turkey, the EU and Security Complexes Revisited, Mediterranean Politics, v10 # 2, July 2005, pp. 167-180
- Dodd, C.H., The History and Politics of the Cyprus Conflict, Palgrave, Houndmills, 2010
- Efegil, E., Analysis of the SKP Government's Policy Toward the Kurdish Issue, Turkish Studies, v 12 #1, March 2011, pp. 27-40
- Erickson, E.J., Turkey as a Regional Hegemon – 2014: Strategic Implications for the US, Turkish Studies, v5 #3, autumn 2004, pp 25-45
- Gerhards, J., Cultural Overstretch? Differences Between Old and New States of the EU and Turkey, Routledge, NY, 2007
- Gordon, P. and Taspinar, O., Turkey on the Brink, Washington Quarterly, v29 #3, summer 2006, pp. 57-70
- Gul, A., Turkey's Role in a Changing Middle East Environment, Mediterranean Quarterly, v15 #1, winter 2004, pp. 1-7
- Gurfinkiel, M., Is Turkey Lost? Commentary, March 2007, pp. 30-37
- Hale, W.M., Turkey, the US and Iraq, Saqi, London, 2007
- Ismael, T.Y., and Aydin M. eds., Turkey's Foreign Policy in the Twenty First Century: A Changing Role in World Politics, Aldershots, Burlington, 2003
- Kardas, S., Turkey: Redrawing the Middle East Map or Building Sand Castles? Middle East Policy, v17 # 1, Spring 2010, pp. 115-136
- Kinacioglu, M. and Oktay, E., The Domestic Dynamics of Turkey’s Cyprus Policy, Turkish Studies, v7 #2, June 2006, pp. 261-273
- Larrabee, F.S., Turkey’s Eurasian Agenda, Washington Quarterly, v 34 #1, winter 2011, pp. 103-120
- Lewis, J.E., Replace Turkey as a Strategic Partner? Middle East Quarterly, Spring 2006, pp. 45-52
- Muftuler-Bac, M., The European Union's Accession Negotiations with Turkey from a Foreign Policy Perspective, European Integration, v30 #1, pp. 63-78, March 2008
- Murinson, A., The Strategic Depth Doctrine in Turkish Foreign Policy, Middle Eastern Studies, v42 #6, November 2006, pp. 945-964
- Olson, R.W., Turkey-Iran Relations 1979-2004, Mazda, Cost Mesa, 2004
- Onis, z., The Turkey-EU-US Triangle in Perspective: Transformation or Continuity, Middle East Journal, v59 #2, spring 2005, pp. 265-284
- Ozkececi–Taner, B., Turkey's Foreign Policy in the Twenty First Century: A Changing Role in World Politics, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, v31 #2, November 2004, pp. 259-262
- Redmond, J., Turkey and the European Union, International Affairs, v 83 #2, March 2007, pp. 305-317
- Somer, M. and Liaras, E.G., Turkey's New Kurdish Opening: Religious Versus Secular Values, Middle East Policy, v17#2, summer 2010, pp. 152-165
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- Uslu, N., Turkish Foreign Policy in the Post Cold War Period, Nova, Hauppauge, 2004
- Walker, J., Turkey and Israel's Relationship in the Middle East, Mediterranean Quarterly, v 17 #4, Fall 2006, pp. 60-90
March 9 and March 23: Israel – A Nation Dwelling Alone?

Required
- Brom, S., Security Implications of Establishing a Palestinian State, Strategic Assessment, Jaffee Center, August 2000, v 3 #2
- Kam, E., A Nuclear Iran: What Does it Mean and What Can be Done, Institute for National Security Studies (formerly Jaffee Center), Memorandum 88, February 2007, pp. 49-89
- Yanai, S., Israel's Core Security Requirements for a Two-State Solution, Saban Center, Brookings, Washington DC, 2005

Recommended
- Ayturk, I., The Coming of an Ice Age? Turkish-Israeli Relations Since 2002, Turkish Studies, v 12 #4, December 2011, pp. 675-687
- Ben Meir, Y., Civil-Military Relations in Israel, Columbia Press, NY, 1995
- Ben-Zvi, A., The United States and Israel: The Limits of the Special Relationship, Columbia Press, 1993
- Blackwill, R.D. and Slocombe, W.B., Israel: A Strategic Asset for the US, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, on line 2011

March 30- Midterm

April 6:

1) Palestinians – Security or State First?

*Required*

Brown, N. J., Gaza Five Years on: Hamas Settles In, Carnegie Foundation, June 2012


Shikaki, K., Coping With the Arab Spring, Middle East Brief # 58, Crown Center for Middle East Studies, December 2011

Recommended


Hunter, R.E., Helping a Palestinian State Succeed: Security, Rand Corp., Santa Monica, 2005


Levitt, M., Hamas: Politics, Charity and Terrorism in the Service of Jihad, Yael, New Haven, 2006

Luft, G., The Mirage of a Demilitarized Palestine, Middle East Quarterly, summer 2001, pp 51-60


Rand Corp., Building A Successful Palestinian State, Santa Monica, 2007


**April 6- Continued:**

**Jordan – In A Hard Spot**

*Required*
- Frisch, H. *Jordan and the Palestinian Authority: Do Better Fences Make Better Neighbors?* Middle East Journal, V 58 #1, winter 2004, pp.52-71
- Susser, A., *Is the Jordanian Monarchy in Danger?* Middle East Brief #72, Crown Center, April 2013

*Recommended*
- Lucas, R.E., *Jordan: The Death of Normalization with Israel*, Middle East Journal, v 58 #1, winter 2004, pp. 93-111
April 13 and April 20: Syria/Lebanon- Hanging in There

Required
-Nerguizian, A., Bracing for an Uncertain Future in Syria, Center for Strategic and International Studies, June 2012

Recommended
-Byman, D., Confronting Syrian Backed Terrorism, Washington Quarterly, v28 #3, summer 2005, pp. 99-113
-Eisenstadt, Michael, Arming for Peace? Syria’s Elusive Quest for Strategic Parity, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, no. 31, 1993
-Fuller, G.E., the Hezbollah-Iran Connection; Model for Sunni Resistance, Washington Quarterly, v 30 #1, winter 2006/7, 99. 139-150
-Goodarzi, J.M., Syria and Iran: Diplomatic Alliance and Power Politics in the Middle East, 2006
-Hemmer, C., I Told You So: Syria, Oslo and the al Aqsa Intifada, Middle East Policy, v 10 #3, fall 2003, pp. 121-135
-Hinnebusch, R., Globalization and Generational Change: Syrian Foreign Policy Between Regional Conflict and European Partnership, Review of International Affairs, v3 #2, winter 2003, pp. 190-208
-International Crisis Group, Lebanon at a Tripwire, Middle East Briefing #20, Beirut, December 2006
-International Crisis Group, Syria after Lebanon : Lebanon after Syria, Beirut, 2005
-Jouejati, M., Syrian Motives for Its WMD Programs and What to do About Them, Middle East Journal, v 59 #1, pp. 52-61
-Karmon, E., A Solution to Syrian Terrorism, Middle East Quarterly, v6 #2, June 99, pp. 23-33
-Kass, L, The Growing Syrian Missile Threat, Middle East Quarterly, v 12 #4m fall 2005, pp. 25-34
-Kattouf, T. et al, When We Meet with Syria What Should We Say? What Should We Wish to Hear? Middle East Policy, v 14 #2, summer 2007, pp. 1-21
-Leach, D.W., The Evolution of Bashar al Assad, Middle East Policy, v17 #2, Summer 2010, pp.70-81
-Leverett, F.L., Inheriting Syria: Bashar’s Trial by Fire, Brookings, Washington, 2005
-Maoz, M., Asad: The Sphinx of Damascus Weidenfeld, NY, 1988
-Pipes, D., Greater Syria, Oxford, 1990
-Rabil, R.G., Syria, the United States and the War on Terror in the Middle East, 2006
-Rubenstein, D., One State/Two State: Rethinking Israel and Palestine, Dissent, summer 2010, pp. 5-11
-Rubin, B., ed., Lebanon; Liberation, Conflict and Crisis, Palgrave, New York, 2009
-Saab, B.Y., Rethinking Hezbollah's Disarmament, Middle East Policy, V 15 #3, fall 2008, pp. 93-106
-Salhuni, C., Syria at the Crossroads, Middle East Policy, v 10 #3, fall 2003, pp. 136-143
-Seale, P., Asad of Syria: The Struggle for the Middle East, Univ of California, Berkely, 1988
-Talbot, B. J. and Harriman, H., Disarming Hezbollah, Mediterranean Quarterly, v19 #4, 2008, pp.29-53
-Zisser, E., Syria and the US: Bad Habits Die Hard, Middle East Quarterly, v 9 #1, summer 2003, pp. 29-38
-Zisser, E., The Israeli-Syrian-Lebanese Triangle; The Renewed Struggle Over Lebanon, Israel Affairs, v 15 #4, October 2009, pp. 397-412

April 27 and May 4: Peace Process

Required - Palestinian Track

- Ben-Arieh, Y., Trilateral Land Exchange Between Israel, the Palestinian Authority and Egypt: A Solution for Promoting Peace, Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University, Jerusalem 2004.
- Eiland, G., Regional Alternative to the Two State Solution, BESA Memorandum # 4, January 2010, www.biu.ac.il/Besa/docs/BM4En.pdf
- Fredriksen, H.D., A Federation of Palestine and Jordan: A Chance for Peace, Middle East Policy, v 14 #2, June 2007, pp. 30-43
- Indyk, M., Innocent Abroad, Simon and Schuster, NY 2009, pp. 306-376

Required – Syrian Track


Highly Recommended

-Ross, D. and Makovsky, D., Myths, Allusions and Peace: Finding a New Direction for America in the Middle East, Viking, New York, 2009 chapters 2-6

Recommended – Palestinian Track

-Bickerton, I. and Klausner, C.L., A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict (Prentice-Hall, NJ, 2005
-Danin, R., A Third Way to Palestine, Foreign Affairs, v 90 #1, January/February 2011
- Elgindy, K., *Palestine Goes to the UN*, Foreign Affairs, v 90#5, September/October 2011
- Farsakh, L., *The One State Solution and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict; Palestinian Challenges and Prospects*, Middle East Journal, v65#1, Winter 2011, pp. 55-71
- Ross, D., *Yasir Arafat*, Foreign Policy, July/August 2002
  - Miller, A., *The Pursuit of Israeli-Palestinian Peace: A Retrospective*
  - Shikaki, K., *Ending the Conflict: Can the Parties Afford it?*
  - Ben Aharon, Y., *Foundering Illusions: The Demise of the Oslo Process*
  - Pundak, R., *From Oslo to Taba: What Went Wrong?*

Recommended – Syrian Track


-Jouejati, M., Syrian Motives for Its WMD Programs and What to do About Them, Middle East Journal, v 59 #1, pp. 52-61

-Kass, L, The Growing Syrian Missile Threat, Middle East Quarterly, v 12 #4m fall 2005, pp. 25-34


-Schiff Z. and Yaari, E. Israel's Lebanon War, Simon and Schuster, NY 1984,