

1. Informations générales :

Titre du cours :	International Relations: The Palestinian Question		
NOM de l'enseignant·e :	Sarah Daoud	Semestre :	☒ Automne ☐ Printemps
Public visé :	☐ 1 ^{ère} année ☐ 2 ^{ème} année ☒ 1 ^{ère} année et 2 ^{ème} année	Langue :	☐ français ☒ anglais
Nombre maximal d'étudiant·es :	☐ 20 ☐ 30 ☐ 40 ☐ 50 ☒ Unlimited	Organisation du cours :	☒ 9 séances de 2h sur 9 semaines ☐ 12 séances de 1h30 sur 12 semaines ☐ 12 séances de 1h30 sur 6 semaines ☐ 6 séances de 3h sur 12 semaines

2. Résumé du cours :

A religious question (Laurens, 2008), Arab and later Palestinian (Dot-Pouillard, 2011), a symbol of anti-colonial and anti-imperialist struggle worldwide (Collins, 2011), Palestine carries multiple logics of identification and constitutes one of the issues that most strongly shapes contemporary debates. The massacres of October 7, 2023, have helped bring the Israeli-Palestinian conflict back onto the international diplomatic agenda and have sparked numerous political and media debates. In the face of this intensity and sometimes frenzy, it is necessary to adopt the analytical and critical distance required to move beyond the immediacy of current events and to shed light on the long-term processes that have shaped the "Palestinian question" for decades. Moreover, the Palestinian question has often been analysed from regional and international perspectives, and relatively little through the lens of Palestinian national dynamics. Yet, the analysis of the latter is key to understand the changing dynamics and processes of the conflict.

This course therefore aims to connect different scales of analysis, international, regional, and local, while paying particular attention to actors, their trajectories, and their interactions. Moreover, it lies at the intersection of several disciplines, history, political sociology, and anthropology and it analyses the different dimensions of the Palestinian question through an ethnographic approach and an empirical methodology. From an epistemological standpoint, the course will rely on numerous secondary sources produced on and, as much as possible, in Palestine and Israel.

3. Pré-requis éventuels :

None

4. Modalités de contrôle des connaissances et des compétences envisagées :

The course will be assessed through continuous evaluation, with group presentations at the beginning of each session on a topic assigned in advance. In addition, students will be required to submit, individually at the end of the course, a review of a book selected from a list provided at the start of the semester.

5. Description détaillée du cours (facultatif)

This course has been designed as an introduction to the main issues surrounding the Palestinian Question. Its aim is to provide students with analytical tools enabling them to understand current dynamics in Palestine and Israel. The course will be structured around several major themes:

From the British Mandate to the Nakba: the emergence of the Palestinian Question

The UNRWA and Palestinian Refugees

From an Arab to a Palestinian issue

Political mobilizations for liberation: the Two Intifadas

The Oslo Accords and their consequences

Palestinian politics: towards reconciliation

Palestine at the United Nations

The two-state solution today

Ceasefire Negotiations in the Gaza Strip: understanding the 7th of October and its aftermath

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