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Visiting Faculty Seminar Course

M.A. (DLB) 0377: Israel Studies in the 21st Century

by



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Course Details

Credits: Two

Prerequisite: Graduation

Teaching: Fifteen Hours total

Duration: 3 – 7 April 2017

Class Hours: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Venue: Class room No. 21, T1 2nd Floor
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Bio of Speaker

Professor Ilan Troen is the Stoll Family Chair in Israel Studies at Brandeis University and founding director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies. He currently serves as president of the Association of Israel Studies. He has served as dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at Ben-Gurion University in Israel and as director of the Ben-Gurion Research Institute and Archives in Sede Boker. His visit to Jindal Centre for Israel Studies at Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P Jindal Global University is supported by American Jewish Committee's Asia Pacific Institute.

He has authored or edited numerous books in American, Jewish and Israeli history. He is also the founding editor of *Israel Studies* (Indiana University Press), the leading journal in this new field, and he has co-edited the Schusterman Series in Israel Studies (2007-2016). He is currently chair of the Center's publication committee that has launched a new series in Israel Studies in conjunction with Ben-Gurion University and published through Indiana University Press. His publications include *Jewish Centers and Peripheries: European Jewry Between America and Israel 50 Years after World War II* (1998); *The Americanization of Israel* (2001), with Glenda Abramson; *Divergent Jewish Cultures: Israel and America* (2001), with Deborah Dash-Moore; *Imagining Zion: Dreams, Designs and Realities in a Century of Jewish Settlement* (2003); with Jacob Lassner, *Jews and Muslims in the Arab World*; *Haunted by Pasts Real and Imagined* (2007); with Maoz Azaryahu, *Tel-Aviv, the First Century: Visions, Designs, Actualities* (2012); with Donna Divine, *Zionism in the Twenty-First Century* (2014); and, with Rachel Fish, *Essential Israel: Essays for the Twenty-First Century* (Indiana University Press, 2017).

He has lectured widely including Tufts, Brown, Harvard, Columbia, Yale, Pennsylvania, Hebrew Union College (Cincinnati), Notre Dame, Northwestern, Chicago, Lake Forest, Michigan State, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, Virginia Commonwealth, Emory, Florida Atlantic, Tulane, Texas, and UCLA in the U.S.; Torino, Thessaloniki, Osnabrück, Duisburg, Amsterdam and Oxford in Europe; Witswatersrand, Pretoria and Cape Town in South Africa; Sydney and Canberra in Australia; Hong Kong, Peking and Renmin (Beijing) in China; Bilkent and Koc in Turkey. He has also been scholar-in-residence at such communal settings as the Bnai Brith Scholar in Seattle, numerous congregations such as the Hillcrest Community Center in New York, the Hampstead Synagogue on Long Island, Mishkan Tefillah in Boston, Solellim in Chicago as well as for the GA and federations and AIPAC.

Ilan Troen was born in Boston, educated at the Latin School, Hebrew College and Brandeis before taking his PhD at the University of Chicago. He was at Missouri and Princeton before making aliyah in 1975. He is married to Dr. Carol Troen. They have six children and make their permanent home in Omer, a community outside Beer-Sheva

Course Description

Books:

- Walzer, Michael, *The Paradox of Liberation: Secular Revolutions and Religious Counterrevolutions* (Yale, 2015) [Read in preparation for and during the week of the course.]
- Troen, Ilan and Rachel Fish, eds, *Essential Israel: Essays for the Twenty-First Century* (Indiana, 2017), selected chapters are assigned in the following syllabus.

Note: the following seminars contain articles and documents that are offered in pdf form. Those marked with an asterisk are essential and should be read. The others are presented in order of importance and their priority will be discussed in the seminars.

1. Zionism: Roots and Forms

- * As a general introductory essay read: Troen, Azaryahu and Golan, *Israel: Geography, Demography and Economy*
- * M. Brenner, *From Zionism to Zion*
- * Leon Pinsker, *Auto-Emancipation*
- * BILU, *Manifesto*
- * Basle Program
- * *Declarations (Israel, PLO, HAMAS)*
- Other items are snippets of documents of various Zionist parties

2. Scenarios for a Jewish State

- * *Balfour Declaration* (1917)
- * *Declarations (Israel, PLO, HAMAS)*
- * Kedar, *Ben-Gurion's Mamlakhtiyut*
- * Walzer, *Four Wars*
- * Shertok, *Binationalism is unworkable*
- * Jabotinsky, *The Iron Wall* (1923)
- * *Plans for the Partition of Palestine* (1937, 1947, 1967)
- * Troen, *Epilogue* (Israel in 2010)
- There are additional snippets of relevant documents whose priority will be discussed.

3. Colonialism or Colonization (Settlement)

- * Troen, *Zionist Settlement in the Land of Israel/Palestine*
- * Shafir, *Zionism and Colonialism*
- * Neumann, *Pioneers and Pioneerism*
- * *Future Vision of the Palestinian Arabs in Israel* (at least to page 11)
- * Frantzman, et. al., *Contested Indigeneity*
- For additional insights read Troen's "Epilogue.". For the truly hardy persist through Troen's "De-Judaizing."

4. 1948 War: Reality and Myths

- * Dowty, *The Arab-Israeli Conflict*
- * Troen, *A War of Many Names*
- * Darwish, *Nakba* (1998)
- * Shlaim, *The Debate about 1948*
- * Porath, *War and Remembrance*
- The other readings are rich, some are very brief, and they engage issues such as expulsions or populations transfer. Contrasting views are suggested throughout. Discussion about priorities will be discussed in prior to the seminar.

5. Israel: Both a Jewish and Democratic?

- * Stern, *Israel; A Jewish Democracy*
- * Divine, *Citizenship and Democracy in Israel*
- * Dahan, *You're So Pretty – You Don't Look Moroccan*
- * *Status Quo Agreements* (1947)
- * Judt, *Israel; The Alternative*
- - * Yakobson, *How Unique is Israel?*
- - We will discuss prior to the seminar the priorities that may be ascribed to other readings.

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