

National Security and Grand Strategy

American and Israeli Perspectives

Aims and Goals

- × Israeli national security is influenced by Israel's strategic situation, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the rejection of Israel by most of the Arab states.
- × The goals of Israeli security policy is both military and diplomatic.
- × Part of strategy = Avoid isolation and achieve recognition.
- × Protect Jewish ancestral homeland.
- × Advance national interests in Middle East and beyond.

Weekly Themes

Week 1: Introduction and definitions

Week 2: Israeli National Security Policy (1948-1973)

Week 3: 'What is Grand Strategy'?

Week 4: Wars and Peace (1948-1993)

Week 5: Friends and Enemies

Week 6: Nuclear weapons in NSS

Week 7: 'Grand strategy in age of Terrorism'

Week 8: Security Strategy and making Peace (1979-)

Week 9: Low-Grade conflict (post-Oslo)

Week 10: Enemies and friends (post 2010)

Week 11: Israel's asset and liabilities

Week 12: Changing role of security and strategy

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Exams

Hand written

Exam guidelines provided in advance.

OR

Paper assignment due final day of class at time of final lecture.