



אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב
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EU-Israel relations

187-1-0071

Semester course - second semester 2 credits

Tuesday 14: 00-16: 00

Lecturer: Dr. Yuval Reinfeld

Reception time by prior arrangement and by email

Course Objectives:

Israel-EU relations have known ups, downs, and challenges over the years. The unique relationship is characterized by a duality created from different trends: relationships that are close and strengthened economically, culturally, legally, and even personally alongside significant challenges at the political level. This duality has led to parallel and contradictory trends which have also influenced the EU's activities in the Middle East and its involvement in the peace process. Israel-EU relations are the most striking example of the complexity of the Union, its uniqueness, and the influence of the European Union in the international arena.

The course will examine the historical development of EU-Israel, through various theories in international relations and European studies and multiple fields of research: foreign relations, economics, law, education, etc. The classes will combine exercises of analysis of primary sources and guest lectures.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this module, students will be able to:

- Present the complexity of EU-Israel relations concerning the theoretical frameworks that will be taught in the course.
- Distinguish and separate the different levels of relationship management, at the practical level, in the various areas.
- Evaluate the map of the various interests at the local, state, regional, and supranational levels.
- Analyze current events in Israeli - EU relations.

Course structure	14 Sessions
Components of the final grade	<p>Score components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory attendance and active participation in classes: 20% • Reading reports or presentation (for student selection) 20% • Final work assignment 60% <p>Total 100%</p>
Course language	English
Prerequisites	<p>Successful completion or concurrent study of at least one of the courses:</p> <p>EU, regime, and politics</p> <p>EU: Identities, Citizenship and Nationality</p>
Presence, reading and preparation of the material	<p>The sessions during the course will take place in the format of a discussion striving to examine a wide range of topics. You are not required to read the attached reading list, except</p>

	<p>for materials that I will explicitly refer to as part of the course.</p> <p>Attendance at classes is mandatory subject to the curriculum.</p> <p>Reading materials will be uploaded to the course website from lesson to lesson.</p> <p>There may be changes in reading materials during the course.</p>
Contact info	<p>Email contact</p> <p>reinfeld@post.bgu.ac.il</p> <p>Reception hours by prior arrangement</p>
Course assignments	<p>Instructions regarding final assignment work as well as reading reports and presentation will be given at the first session</p>

Final Assignment Work

Course participants are required to submit final assignment of up to 2,000 words (size 12, line spacing and a half), on issues submitted by the course lecturer towards the end of the course.

The works will be submitted to **reinfeld@post.bgu.ac.il** by a date determined by the faculty

For Student Selection

Submit 2 reading reports, or present a presentation (in pairs or individually)

Presentation:

The course participants are required to hold a presentation and academic discussion (15-10 minutes) on issues relevant to the course topics and not studied in the regular sessions of their choice (coordinated and approved by the course lecturer). The presentation will be punctuated with a passing or failing grade. The presentations will be deployed during the semester and presented at the beginning of each lesson (depending on the number of presenters).

Or

Reading Reports:

Alternatively, course participants are required to submit 2 reading reports by the end of the semester (up to the last lesson), up to one page. The reading report should describe the relevant source and summarize its main conclusions. The reading reports will be submitted in the model in the space provided, and will be scored with a passing score (100) or failing (0). The reports will be written on two sources from the English syllabus for the student to choose.

Course syllabus and reading list:

S-1	Session 1: European Foreign Policy: Theories and Practice	Nathalie Tocci (2019): Resilience and the role of the European Union in the world, Contemporary Security Policy
S-2	Session 2: The Power of the EU	A Gerrits (2009). Normative Power Europe in a Changing World: A Discussion. P. 1-8
S-3	Session 3: EU and Human Rights in the Global Arena	Gráinne de Búrca (2011): The European Union as a Global Human Rights Actor Tawhida Ahmed and Israel de Jesús Butler (2006): The European Union and Human Rights: An International Law Perspective
S-4	Session 4: Exporting the European project to the foreign arena - the ESM model	Sharon Pardo & Joel Peters (2009): Uneasy Neighbors: Israel and the European Union Rosa Balfour & Alessandro Rotta, Beyond enlargement: The European neighbourhood policy and its tools, 40 THE INTERNATIONAL SPECTATOR:

		<p>ITALIAN JOURNAL OF .(2005) INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS 1</p> <p>Sevilay Kahraman, The European Neighbourhood Policy: The European Union's New Engagement Towards Wider (2005) Europe, PERCEPTIONS, p. 10</p>
S-5	Session 5: Israel and the European Union - Historical Perspective - Part I	<p>Pardo, Sharon, and Joel Peters. <i>Israel and the European Union: a documentary history</i>. Lexington Books, 2012, pp. 1-8, 73-78, 151-154, 187-192, 319-326.</p> <p>Pardo, S. (2013) 'The Year that Israel Considered Joining the European Economic Community', <i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i> 51(5): 901–915.</p> <p>Stefan Ahlswede, Israel's European Policy After The Cold War, THE GERMAN NATIONAL LIBERTY, p. 13 (Dissertation, 2009).</p>
S-6	Session 6: Israel and the European Union - Historical Perspective - Part II	<p>Sharon Pardo & Joel Peters (2009): <i>Uneasy Neighbors: Israel and the European Union</i></p> <p>T. Youngs, <i>Developments in the Middle East Peace Process 1991-2000</i>, UK HOUSE OF COMMON LIBRARY RESEARCH PAPERS (London, 2001)</p>
S-7	Session 7: Trade agreements between Israel and the European Union. From the .association agreement to CBC MED	<p>Papadimitriou, Dimitris, and David Phinnemore. "Exporting Europeanization to the Wider Europe: The twinning exercise and administrative reform in the candidate countries and beyond." <i>Southeast European and Black Sea Studies</i> 3.2 (2003): 1-22</p>
S-8	Session 8: Israel and the European Union - An Economic Perspective	<p>Sadeh, Tal. "The European Union and Israel: The Customs Union Alternative." <i>Israel Affairs</i> 5.1 (1998): 87-108.</p> <p>Herman, Lior. "An action plan or a plan for action? Israel and the European neighbourhood policy." <i>Mediterranean Politics</i> 11.3 (2006): 371-394.</p>
S-9	Session 9: Israel and the EU Legal Aspects - Part I:	<p>Sharon Pardo and Lior Zemer, 2011, 'Bilateralism and the Politics of European</p>

	On the role of the European Court of Justice and its impact on EU relations with .Israel in the political arena	Judicial Desire', The Columbia Journal of European Law, 17, 2, Spring, pp. 263-305
S-10	Israel and the EU Legal Aspects - Part II: On the role of the European Court of Justice and its impact on EU relations with Israel - the Data Protection and Privacy Revolution	Doss, April F. (2020): Cyber Privacy General Data Protection Regulation), 2016 O.J. (L 119)
S-11	Session 11: Security cooperation and NATO	<p>Guest Lecture: Mrs. Ilana Lenk- Political Assistant, Mission of Israel to NATO Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel</p> <p>Reading List: Pardo, Sharon. Normative power Europe meets Israel: perceptions and realities. Lexington Books, 2015.77-98</p> <p>Lappin, Yaakov. "Israeli and NATO Navies Ramp Up Ties" BESA Center Perspectives .(2017) Paper No. 686, December</p>
S-12	Research, Development, Academy & Education	<p>Guest Lecture: Dr. Hila Zahavi</p> <p>Reading List: Zimmerman, Eric, Wolfgang Glänzel, and Judit Bar-Ilan. "Scholarly collaboration between Europe and Israel: A scientometric examination of a changing landscape." Scientometrics 78.3 (2009): 427-446</p> <p>Zahavi, Hila. "The Bologna Process in Israel as a reflection of EU-Israel relations." European Journal of Higher Education 9.1 (2019): 102-117..</p>
S-13	Israel and the European Union - on Standardization and Implementation of Regulation in the Field of Environmental Protection and Agriculture in Israel	Guest Lecture: Mr. Adam Schalimtzek - Head of the International Relations Division, Ministry of Environmental Protection.
S-14	Session 14 (option 1): Israel and the Jewish communities in Europe	<p>Guest Lecture: Prof. Dov Maimon</p> <p>Reading List: DellaPergola, S. "Jews in Europe: Demographic trends, contexts and outlooks." In: Pardo S. and Zahavi H. (Eds.),</p>

		<p><i>The Jewish Contribution to European Integration</i>, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2020. pp. 15-46.</p> <p>Pardo S. and Zahavi H., 'Jews as the Principal Cosmopolitan, Integrating Element in European Integration', in Sharon P. and Hila Z. (eds.), <i>Jewish Contribution to European Integration</i>, Lexington Books, Lanham, MD, 2020, pp. 1-12.</p>
S-14	Session 14 (option 2): European Normative Power In Israel	<p>Diez, T. 'Constructing the Self and Changing Others: Reconsidering 'Normative Power Europe,' <i>Millennium Journal of International Studies</i>, 33(3), 2005, pp. 613–636.</p> <p>Gordon, Neve, and Sharon Pardo. "Normative Power Europe and the Power of the Local." <i>JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies</i> 53.2 (2015): 416-427.</p>

Note: There may be changes in the lesson plans or their timing date