

Who does God want to have this land?



Religion in the Israeli – Palestinian Conflict REL 368/HIS 384 – Spring 2026

In this cross-listed course we will study the degree to which religion has influenced the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians both in the past and the present. We will become familiar with different varieties of Jews, Christians and Muslims and the varied roles that each has played in the hostilities. We will also consider the involvement of external actors, such as British Mandate officials, Western Christian Zionists, and the Jewish lobby in the U.S. Finally, we will evaluate the influence of historical, political, social, and colonial factors in fueling a conflict that is now over 100 years old. What are the root causes of this conflict and why has it been so hard to resolve? Is it really all about religion?

Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00-3:15 p.m.

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