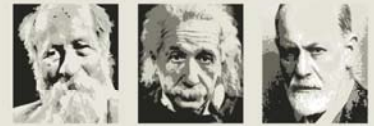




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## Conflict Resolution from Theory to Practice: Israel as a Case Study

*Academic Hours: 45 ❖ Credits: 3 ❖ June 29 – July 27, 2010 ❖ RIS Course Number: SPCR202*

**Ofer Shinar, Adv.**

The Arab-Israeli conflict is examined in the context of current practices and theories relating to conflict resolution. The course will provide students with a broad perspective on the Israeli-Arab conflict, focusing on Israeli society, and exploring both academic research and practical experience on one of the most influential conflicts of our time.

Additionally, the course will address the manner in which societies are influenced by a long-standing conflict. The violent and unremitting nature of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has contributed to the creation of the psycho-social ethos of the Israeli society.

The course will also offer a multi-layered perspective on efforts to resolve conflicts by examining the Oslo peace process, as well as current and past activities by the Israeli peace camp, as case study.

The integration of course field trips will allow students to meet prominent peace activists as well as leading conflict resolution scholars, with the aim to provide significant perspectives on the conflict.

Topics discussed will include Jerusalem's fate, the Palestinian refugees, the settlements, and security concerns. The conflict will be compared to other conflicts, providing an opportunity to learn from the international experience regarding the resolution of intractable conflicts.

Finally, the course will draw on the extensive experience of the course moderator, Ofer Shinar. During the past decade, Shinar has developed social-wide projects for leading Israeli-Palestinian peace organizations and has researched the conflict for the International Center for Transitional Justice. He has supervised the Human Rights Clinic at the Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law and is currently a lecturer at Sapir College, near Sderot.

The unique setting offered by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem provides excellent ground for the study of the Israeli-Arab conflict.