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The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Jerusalem

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Outline

- Final paper proposals
- Jerusalem as a point of contestation
- The Old City
- East and West Jerusalem
- Demography

Final paper proposals

- Non-academic sources are valid
- But you still need to list at least 5 academic sources
- Academic sources:
 - google scholar as a starting point
- Questions?

Final Papers

- Due on May 31
- Those who receive less than 60 %, i.e. 15 points, will be able to resubmit the paper; nonetheless, in that case, the best possible grade will be B

Jerusalem



• Why is Jerusalem so politically laden city?















Who attended the US embassy Jerusalem opening?

May 14 event took place amid deadly protests at the Gaza-Israel border.

Attendees as announced by the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs.





East Jerusalem 2007



Old City





Key holy sites in Jerusalem's Old City









Group discussion

- Why is the Temple Mount so contested and sensitive?
- Why do the Palestinians (and many Muslims around the world) perceive the current situation as problematic?
- What do many Israelis (and Jews globally) perceive the current situation as unfair?
- What is your take on these positions?









• Based on the Emek Shaveh report, in what ways are archeological excavations political?













East vs West

24 Ramallah WEST BANK EAST JERUSALEM **ISRAEL** WEST JERUSALEM Abu Dis Bethlehem 2km ----- Jordanian Jerusalem Israeli built-up area - Green line (1949 Border) Israeli planned building Þ Separation Wall Palestinian built-up area ----- Existing SRAEL Municipal boundary ----- Under construction Old City of Jerusalem

Greater Jerusalem: A city divided



middleeasteye.net

Light Rail



Group discussion

- What is so problematic about the Light Rail according to Baumann?
 - What kind of evidence does she provide?
- What do you think about her claims?
- How does the Light Rail tie into or defy the divisions of Jerusalem discussed by other texts?

















Demography



- Overall population: roughly 850,000 in 2013
- 38 percent of the population is of Arab background
- "61 percent (521,900) of all Jerusalemites live across the Green Line in East Jerusalem — in occupied territory. Of those, 320,300 are Palestinian and 211,600 are Jewish settlers. Despite a theoretical right to live anywhere in the city, a mere 1 percent of Palestinian Jerusalemites live in West Jerusalem. (IA)"
- "Israeli authorities revoked the residency of and exiled 94 Palestinian residents of Jerusalem in 2016, 52 of whom were women and children (data for 2017 has yet to be published). Between 1967 and 2015, Israel revoked the residency of 14,500 Palestinian Jerusalemites. (IA)"











- "48% of Jews in Jerusalem said they are satisfied with the amount of green spaces in their communities, compared with only 2 percent of the Arab population. (CBS)"
- "The poverty rate for Palestinian Jerusalemites of all ages is 72.9 percent. For Jews in the city, the poverty rate is 29.8 percent. Both are higher than any other major Israeli city. (IA)"
- "only 13% of the municipal budget is invested in [the Palestinian communities in] East Jerusalem"
- "only 59% of the residents of East Jerusalem are connected legally and properly to the water grid."
- "While there are 19 welfare offices serving the Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem, only four welfare offices are located in Palestinian neighborhoods. (IA)"
- "The Jerusalem Municipality has opened 6 clinics for infant healthcare ('Tipat Halav') in the Palestinian neighborhoods of Jerusalem, compared to 27 in the Israeli neighborhoods"
- "in 2015 population density in Palestinian neighborhoods within Jerusalem's municipal boundaries was almost double that of Jewish neighborhoods: an average of 1.9 persons per room and 1 person per room, respectively."
- "From 2004 to the end of December 2018, Israeli authorities demolished 803 housing units in East Jerusalem.

- <u>http://www.ir-amim.org.il/sites/default/files/PL_Investment%20in%20East%20Jerus</u> alem%20December%202014-2%2025%2015.pdf
- <u>https://972mag.com/jerusalem-by-the-numbers-poverty-demolitions-and-exile/135269/</u>
- <u>https://law.acri.org.il//en/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Facts-and-Figures-2017-1.pdf</u>
- <u>https://www.btselem.org/jerusalem</u>

Of 57,737 housing units approved in construction permits in Jerusalem from 1991 – 2018:

- Permits for 9,536 housing units (16.5%) were approved for construction in Palestinian neighborhoods
- Permits for 21,834 housing units (37.8%) were approved for construction in Israeli neighborhoods in areas annexed to Jerusalem in 1967 across the Green Line.
- Permits for 26,367 housing units (45.7%) were approved for construction in West Jerusalem.
- <u>https://peacenow.org.il/en/jerusalem-municipal-data-reveals-stark-israeli-palestinian-discrepancy-in-construction-permits-in-jerusalem</u>

• What might be reasons behind these differences?