Three circles

- Israel-Palestinians
- Israel: Egypt, Jordan, Palestinians, Syria, Lebanon
- Israel: Other Arab countries
The Land

Image courtesy of the Federal Aviation Administration.
PLO, Israel, Hamas

- Nature of the state (national? Religious? universalist? What values)

- Source of authority

- Who is the “other”?

- How should the “other” be treated?
## What is the conflict about?

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<td>Is the “other” a national collective?</td>
<td>Yes/No/Yes</td>
<td>No (traditional position)</td>
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<td>Who is a victim?</td>
<td>Holocaust, refusal to accept, use of terror</td>
<td>Loss of land, occupation</td>
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<td>Legitimacy of the “other’s” collective project</td>
<td>YES/NO/YES</td>
<td>No (no Jewish nation, and even if there is, illegitimate colonialism)</td>
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<td>Acceptance of int’l authority</td>
<td>Yes (before 48), limited (after 48)</td>
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- 1880’s: rise of Jewish nationalism in Europe

- 1882-1914: Jewish Immigration under the Ottomans

- 1914-1918: New ruler, new Arab nationalism, New international recognition, some dialogue

- 1918-1948: British Mandate: Change in population, British Change in the 1930’s
1948-1967: Where is the Palestinian problem?
1967: The rise of the PLO
1987-1993: Resistance (Intifada and Hamas)
1993-2000: Peace (1993): Local, regional, and the golden decade (the 7 good years)
2000: Resistance again, and the rise of Hamas
2005: Gaza withdrawal
2006: The rise of Hamas to power
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- The Crucial juncture: 1947-1948
  - UN Resolution
  - War
  - Refugees
  - Loss of all Palestinian territory (Israel/Jordan/Egypt)
  - From inter-communal to regional
Where from here?

- Two state solution?

- One state solution (Israeli control, and then a new South Africa)?

- Jordan is back?

- More of the same?