

Law in the Muslim World

SIMULATION

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The 2010 elections result in a near-tie for Fatah and Hamas. Thus, they form a unity government which receives support from the international community. The new government negotiates with Israel. The PA would like advice concerning the process. It secretly consults with a variety of governments and entities and asks the following questions.

1. What should be done regarding the settlements and settlers in the West Bank? If you think some settlers and settlements should stay, what legal regime should they operate under?
2. How should the issue of Jerusalem be resolved?
3. Should the Palestinians have a right to return? If so, how will property be divided and allocated?
4. If it is unfeasible for Palestinians to return, should compensation and restitution be paid to the Palestinians? By whom?

Pick any two questions to answer.

The negotiations are successful. A new state is declared. Palestine seeks additional advice on the following questions at an international conference.

1. What constitutional changes would you suggest to the draft constitution with respect to women's rights? Suggest exact language.
2. Should marriage remain religious in nature or should there be a civil option? Suggest exact language for the new Personal status code.
3. Should there be a truth and reconciliation commission and if so, what should be the parameters? See the issues in the relevant article.

Answer all three questions.

Countries/entities:

United Nations

European Union (you can pick one country or the EU as a whole)

United States

Kadima Party

Labour Party
Arab League (pick any country or the whole)
Fatah
 Hamas
Turkey
Afghanistan
Iran
Distinguished international law professor _____
Other country:

You will have 5 minutes to do an oral presentation. You may pick one or more issues to discuss in your oral presentation. You do not have to discuss all 5 issues. You will submit a written presentation as well. There is no restriction on page length, but it is meant to replace a 2 page single spaced exam question. Please use .12 times new roman with one inch margins. You are free to use any source you want. For any source not in the course materials, please put a footnote. If the law students submit 10 single spaced pages with endnotes, they can get a writing credit.

At the end of the conference, we will come to some agreements. One exam question will relate to the simulation.

DUE DATE: November 24 by 6am email to kelly-winebold@uiowa.edu. She will email the entire set to the class. Bring one hard copy for Prof. Wing.