• Video of Dr. Leech-Ngo responding to questions from our “News Period”: https://youtu.be/orTlkGcLPq8

• Video presentation Dr. Leech-Ngo gave last year: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUvHyA94AC4

• Video presentation Dr. Leech-Ngo gave on Authoritarianism: https://youtu.be/mnC3tabDsNY?t=58m10s

• 10 great books recommended (in no particular order):
  o Hamas: The Islamic Resistance Movement
  o The Impossibility of Palestine: History, Geography, and the Road Ahead
  o Decolonizing Palestinian Political Economy: De-development and Beyond
  o Palestine Ltd.: Neoliberalism and Nationalism in the Occupied Territory
  o Preventing Palestine: A Political History from Camp David to Oslo
  o Decolonizing Palestinian Political Economy: De-development and Beyond
  o The Political Economy of Israel's Occupation: Repression Beyond
  o The Global Political Economy of Israel: From War Profits to Peace
  o The Statehood of Palestine: International Law in the Middle East
  o The Only Language They Understand: Forcing Compromise in Israel and …

• Answers to questions asked in lecture:

  1. One question was about Corruption in the Palestinian Authority. This is certainly a major problem. Organizations like Transparency international have detailed discussions about this (I actually worked on one of their reports a few years ago about corruption in the defence sector). But - just to make this more complicated for you (and more interesting) I mentioned the work of Mushtaq Khan at SOAS. I found a video of him talking about the issue in general here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y64x2XyyPSc but his discussion of Palestine is available in his book State formation in Palestine: viability and governance during a social transformation - I suggest googling him for more if anyone is still interested.

  2. Another question was about the apparent rightward shift of the Israeli governing consensus. Of course there are a lot of reasons for this and I can’t list them all. This an op-ed i wrote about this ages ago... (please forgive the picture) https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20141224-five-factors-behind-israels-shift-to-the-right/. And here are some other resources about it.
    - https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/israel/2015-03-24/israels-right-turn
    - https://www.opendemocracy.net/article/israel-s-rightward-shift-a-history-of-the-present

  3. Another comment was that I didn’t properly address Israel’s security concerns. I feel like I did address this albeit indirectly, but I guess I didn’t spend a lot of time on it. So here are a couple of things to note:
    (a) There is a growing consensus among Israeli elites that some kind of compromise is necessary, even if they don’t really want to accept it. You can see examples in speeches by various ex-Israeli Prime Ministers like Olmert and Barak (and also in this presentation by John Kerry) that suggest that if Israel does not compromise with the Palestinians then it will be unable to continue to exist as both a Jewish Majority state and a democracy.
(b) The discussion of what ‘security’ even means is also open to interpretation. I don’t think we’ll have much time to discuss it in our course, but I’ve co-written a paper that deconstructs the concept of security in the context of Israel-palestine and the wall. Some of you might find it interested (and also relevant to other contexts where that word is frequently used). Its available here: https://www.academia.edu/25778616/Emancipation_vs._Desecuritization_Resistance_and_the_Israeli_Wall_in_Palestine

(c) I’d like to recommend the film ‘the Gatekeepers’ an interview with the last six heads of Shin Bet (one of Israel’s intelligence agencies) - here is a trailer https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdMjr8cuEy8

Please let me know if anyone has their own recommendations of resources, or if I’ve forgotten something!