



Britain and Its Mandate over Palestine

Legal Chicanery on a World Stage

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Draws on documentation from the 1920s and shows that the commonly accepted analysis of Britain's role in Palestine on the assumption that it was lawfully in control of the territory is historically incorrect.

When Britain took control of Palestine from the Turkish Ottoman Empire in World War 1, it tried to find a way to gain a legal right both to govern Palestine and to facilitate a Jewish national home there. It never found one. As a result, the changes it brought about in Palestine lack a legal basis.

Readership

Academics in law or social science disciplines, students or general readers interested in British colonial history or the Middle East.

Key selling points

- This book destroys what even knowledgeable experts think they know about Britain's control of Palestine.
- This book shows that in the League of Nations era, the international community never endorsed the idea of Jewish statehood in Palestine.
- This book shows, contrary to the existing literature, that the League of Nations had little to do with how Palestine was governed.
- The centenary of World War 1, of the Balfour Declaration, and of the Palestine mandate has generated much misinformation about Britain's role in Palestine. This book is a needed corrective.

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