

## Israel's Security and Its Arab Citizens

Although a rich literature combining international relations and domestic political developments has recently emerged, most works specializing in state–minority relations, nationalism, citizenship, and human rights have not integrated insights from the field of international relations and security affairs into their analysis. This absence is nowhere more visible than in the study of relations between the Israeli state and its Arab/Palestinian minority. This book aims to bring (back) international relations and international security perspectives into the analysis of relations between the Israeli state and its Arab minority. Drawing on international relations theory, it argues that the relationship between the Israeli state and the predominant community, as in many other cases characterized by ethno-national cleavage, was heavily influenced by the state's broader regional geo-strategic security situation. State policies toward Israel's Arab citizens moderated in the rare times of relative geo-strategic security and hardened when Israel's regional position became more precarious.

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The book follows the standard rules of literary Arabic transliteration. However, it diverges from these rules in the case of personalities and organizations whose spelling are well-known in another form or if the person or organization in question specifically provides a transliteration that is different from the formal transliteration. Thus, the name (Yasir) Arafat is not preceded by a diacritical mark, Arab Members of Knesset are named as they wished to appear on the official Knesset Web site, and a newspaper such as *al-Sennara* is spelled the way it appears in the newspaper in English rather than as *al-Sinnara* as it would appear in formal transliteration. This divergence extends also to the way organizations officially translate their names into English even at the expense of accuracy or literary style.

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Acronyms

ADP	Arab Democratic Party
CEC	Central Elections Committee
DFPE	Democratic Front for Peace and Equality
DOP	Declaration of Principles
HCJ	High Court of Justice
IDF	Israel Defense Forces
MK	Member of Knesset
NDA	National Democratic Alliance
NGO	nongovernmental organization
PA	Palestinian Authority
PLP	Progressive List for Peace
UAL	United Arab List
UAR	United Arab Republic