



**University
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Graduate Studies

PROGRAMME

The Final Oral Examination
for the Degree of

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Interdisciplinary Studies (Departments of History and
Political Science)

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1978	University of Ottawa	MA
1971	University of Pennsylvania	MA
1966	Ain-Shams University, Cairo, Egypt	BA

“Sovereignty, Peacekeeping, and the United Nations Emergency
Force (UNEF), Suez 1956-1967: Insiders’ Perspectives”

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Abstract

“The research is concerned with the complex and contested relationship between the sovereign prerogatives of states and the international imperative of defusing world conflicts. The Suez War is analyzed as the historical event that signaled the final chapter in the domination of the European empires. Decolonization and the anti-colonial struggle exposed the role of Israel in the quest for maintaining foreign control in the Middle East.

The introduction of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) to the Middle East brought to light the competing concepts of sovereign consent and international intervention. The UNEF experience proved that peacekeeping efforts without conflict resolution are doomed to failure.

The increasing complexity and brutality of international conflicts forced a renewed examination of the principles of peacekeeping. A greater emphasis was placed on international intervention at the expense of national sovereignty. International human rights protection assumed a major concern for policy makers.

This multi-dimensional research involves historical, political and international legal aspects shaping the research's content and conclusion.

Awards, Scholarships, Fellowships

2013-2015 Research Fellow, Centre for Global Studies, UVic
1971 Visiting Research Fellow, Peace Research Institute, Oslo
1968-1969 John Boyer Scholar, University of Pennsylvania

Presentations

1. Middle East Conflict Conference,
Egyptian Embassy Representative
Munk School of Global Affairs,
University of Toronto, 1983
2. Canadian-Arab Relations Conference,
Arab League Representative
University of Calgary, Alberta, 1982
3. International Peacekeeping Conference,
Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, 1982
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Conference, Ottawa, Ontario, 1980
5. International Peace Academy Conference,
Egypt's Representative
Helsinki, Finland, 1971

Publications

1. Hilmy, Hanny; "Repartition of Palestine: Toward a Peaceful Settlement in the Middle East", Journal of Peace Research, 1972.

