

Proposed Topical Heading

Subject heading: Palestine question

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150 \$a Palestine question

450 \$a Palestine problem

450 \$a Palestinian cause

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450 \$a Qaḍīyah al-Filasṭīnīyah

450 \$a Question of Palestine

551 \$w g \$a Israel \$x Politics and government

551 \$w g \$a Palestine \$x Politics and government \$y 1917-1948

551 \$w g \$a Palestine \$x Politics and government \$y 1948-

550 \$a Arab-Israeli conflict

670 \$a Work cat: Maḥmūd, Mu‘tazz billāh ‘Alyān. al-Qaḍīyah al-Filasṭīnīyah fī al-a‘māl al-drāmīyah al-tilifizyūnīyah, 2023 \$b (Translation of title: The Palestinian question in television drama works. This book discusses the portrayal of national rights in Palestine in television drama; its case study concerns a program that traces the history of Palestinian national rights from 1917 to the late 1960s) \$w (OCoLC)1389582079

670 \$a Cattán, Henry. The Palestine question, 2022 \$w (OCoLC)1348482353

670 \$a Jamālī, Muḥammad Fāḍil. Iraq's point of view on the Palestine question, 1947 \$w (DLC)2017498754

670 \$a Interactive encyclopedia of the Palestine question WWW site, July 13, 2023 \$b (traces the history of modern Palestine, from the end of the Ottoman era to the present, including the issue of national rights, such as the main United Nations resolutions) \$u <https://www.palquest.org/>

670 \$a The origins and evolution of the Palestine problem: 1917-1988, 1990 \$w (DLC)91106023

670 \$a Zalloua, Zahi Anbra. Solidarity and the Palestinian cause, 2023 \$w (OCoLC)1331704508

670 \$a Bar-Lev, Haim. Israel's policy options of the Palestinian problem, 1980 \$w (OCoLC)1017214186

670 \$a Ganim, As‘ad. al-Qaḍīyah al-Filasṭīnīyah ba‘da Ūslū, 2021: \$b page 4 of cover (title in English: Palestinian question in the post Oslo era) \$w (DLC)2021335034

670 \$a The Question of Palestine, 1979 \$w (DLC)81118920

670 \$a Israeli missions around the world WWW site, July 17, 2023: \$b page containing the Statement by Ambassador Dan Gillerman, Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, on Agenda Item 38: the question of Palestine (the expression “question of Palestine” is mentioned 11 times) \$u <https://rb.gy/x7cov>

670 \$a United Nations: the question of Palestine WWW site, July 17, 2023: \$b (summarizes the history of national rights in Palestine from 1917 to the present day) \$u <https://www.un.org/unispal/history/>

- 680 \$i Here are entered works on the question of national rights in Palestine, beginning with the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and through the present day. Works on the general relations between Arabs and Jews are entered under \$a Jewish-Arab relations. \$i Works on the political and military conflicts between Arabs and Israel are entered under \$a Arab-Israeli conflict.
- 681 \$i Notes under \$a Arab-Israeli conflict; Jewish-Arab relations
- 910 \$a Proposal saved by js09 on 07/28/2023 at 12:14:13
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- 952 \$a Number of bib. records to be changed: approximately 100
- 952 \$a This proposal is being created by the MELA Palestine Question LCSH Working Group

952 \$a A statement explaining the need and justification to propose the LCSH "Palestine Question": Currently, catalogers must assign the subject headings "Jewish-Arab relations" or "Arab-Israeli conflict" to works about national rights in Palestine, the former for the pre-1948 period and the latter for 1948 to present. Such an application is confusing to end-users, because these subject headings refer broadly to Arabs, there is no mention of Palestine or Palestinians, resources on the topic of national rights cannot be collocated, and often materials discuss national rights comprehensively for both eras. The Jewish-Arab Relations Working Group is proposing that the scope of "Jewish-Arab relations" be confined to general relations between Arabs and Jews. While we support this proposal, their solution for covering national rights in Palestine before 1948 in the form of the heading "Jewish-Arab relations #x History #y 1917-1948" is a grave disservice to this topic. Since the subject heading "Jewish-Arab relations" is proposed to be restricted to "general relations between Arabs and Jews," this subdivided heading implies the same limitation narrowed down further by a date range. Again, there is no mention of Palestine or Palestinians, just the general term "Arab", so why would anyone think this subject heading applies to national rights in Palestine? Further, although "Arab-Israeli conflict" is strongly related to national rights in Palestine, the scope of this subject heading is far broader than that, encompassing political and military conflicts between Israel and Arabs in general, and not always about Palestinian national rights. The MELA Palestine Question SH Working Group thinks that the solution to these problems would be our proposed subject heading "Palestine question." First, there is ample literary warrant in print publications, audio-visual materials and Internet resources for the phrases "Palestine question" / "Palestine problem" to be part of a proposal for a subject heading in its own right. Such a subject heading would provide better access to resources on a topic that is clearly and specifically defined. While this would require more extensive bibliographic maintenance, we believe this would be worthwhile for both end-users and catalogers and would help to distinguish this salient topic from other aspects of the history of that region. In addition to the sources cited in the proposal, we note the following: A search of the Office of the Historian, Foreign Service Institute, United States Department of State, yields 551 hits for the phrase "Palestine question" and 609 hits for the phrase "Palestine problem". And in OCLC a keyword search on the phrase "Palestine question" generates 8384 results, while "Palestine problem" yields 1094 results. Searching for these phrases in titles yields 2800 and 848 results, respectively. As for the Arabic phrase "al-Qaḍīyah al-Filasṭīnīyah," there are 771 results in keyword search and 718 for a title search. Second, there are a number of pattern headings justifying the use of the phrase "Palestine question" as the authorized heading, which we have listed in the proposal. Third, "Palestine question" can easily cover national rights in Palestine from 1917 to the present day, rather than having two very different subject headings cover this topic in the pre- and post-1948 periods. It could be chronologically subdivided into those two periods should such a need exist and thus allow for better collocation of those resources. Lastly, this subject heading includes the word "Palestine" which accurately reflects the topic at hand instead of obfuscating and hiding it behind the broader term "Arab." We realize that this subject heading will require changes to the scope notes of "Jewish-Arab relations" and "Arab-Israeli conflict," but we are unable to make those changes at this time since the Jewish-Arab Relations Working Group has already submitted their own modifications. We suggest the following changes to the scope notes: For Jewish-Arab relations: #i Here are entered works on the general relations between Arabs and Jews. Works on the question of national rights in Palestine are entered under #a Palestine question. #i Works on the political and military conflicts between Arabs and Israel and comprehensive works that include the earlier period are entered under #a Arab-Israeli conflict. [remainder of scope note remains the same] For Arab-Israeli conflict: #i Here are entered works on the political and military conflicts between Arabs and Israel and comprehensive works that include the earlier period. Works on the question of national rights in Palestine are entered under #a Palestine question. #i Works on the general relations between Arabs and Jews are entered under #a Jewish-Arab relations. [remainder of scope note remains the same] We hope the review committee considers this proposal in conjunction with the proposals submitted by the Jewish-Arab Relations Working Group for "Jewish-Arab relations" and "Arab-Israeli conflict" in order to efficiently address the issues of concern outlined above. "Palestine question" covers a specific and well-defined topic that can be separated from the

more general “Jewish-Arab relations” and “Arab-Israeli conflict” headings, there is ample literary warrant, and the proposed heading would greatly facilitate discovery to these resources for end-users.

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