

History, Culture and Conflict In the Middle East

Wonders of Arabia

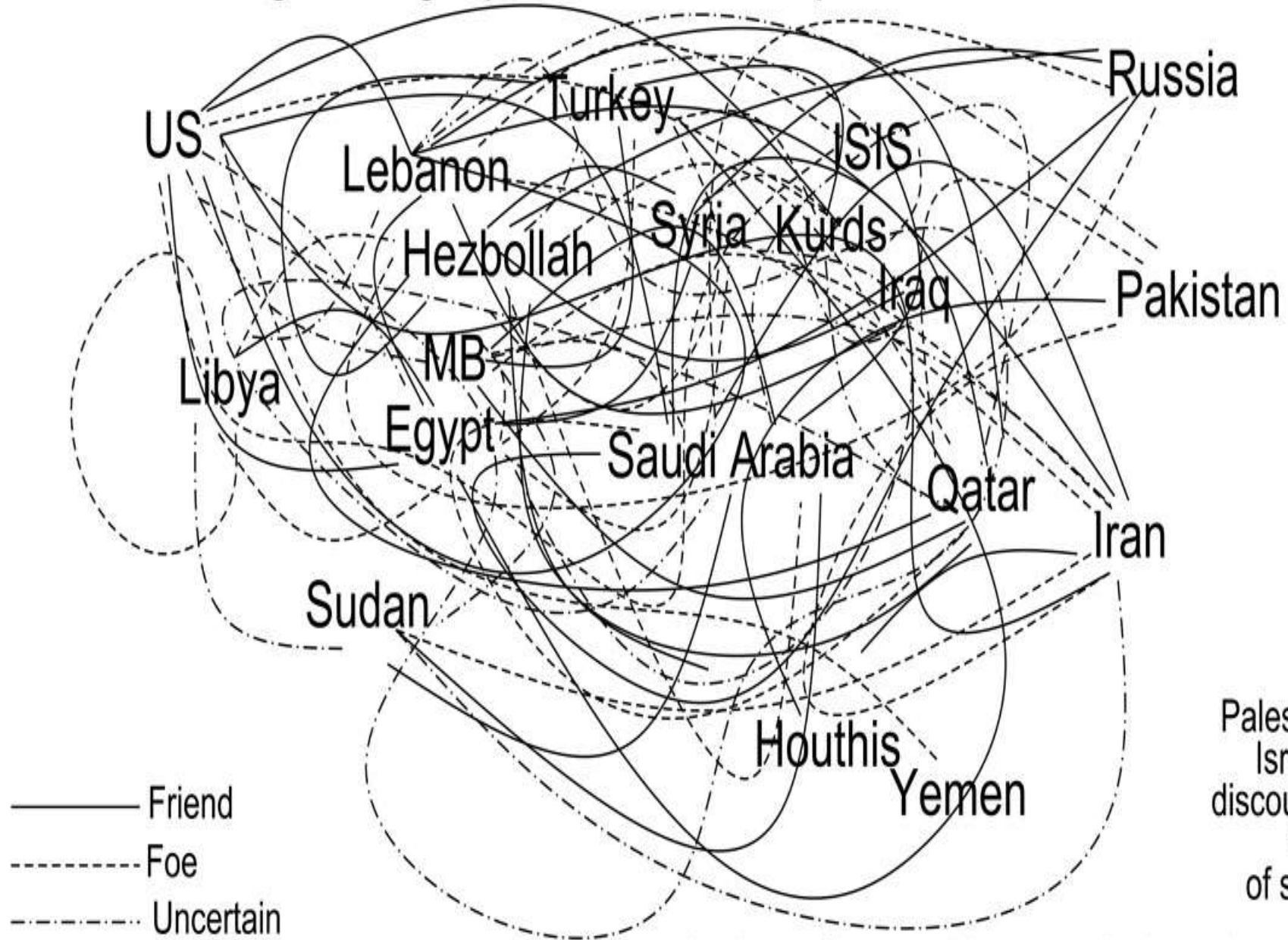
Windstar Cruises

Ross Arnold, Fall 2017

Wonders of Arabia Lectures

- Nov 8- *Children of Abraham; Understanding Islam*
- Nov 9- *Moses, Israelites, and Crossing the Red Sea; Lawrence of Arabia, Bedouins and Victory in WWI*
- Nov 10- *History & Culture of Oman*
 - 11/11- **Salalah, Oman**
- Nov 12- *Alexander the Great & Hellenism; Crusades*
- Nov 13- *History, Culture & Conflict in the Middle East*
 - 11/14- **Khasab, Oman**
 - 11/15- **Dubai**

Diagram of geopolitical relationships in the Middle East



Note:
Palestine and
Israel were
discounted for
the sake
of simplicity

Major Arenas of Conflict in the Middle East

1. Between Islamic Middle Eastern people/countries and the West.
2. Between religious and political factions within Islam in the Middle East (Shia v. Sunni; Salafi or Shia Islamists v. moderates; Sunni Sudan v. Shia Iran; etc.)
3. Between Israel and many neighboring Middle Eastern countries, especially over issues in Palestine.

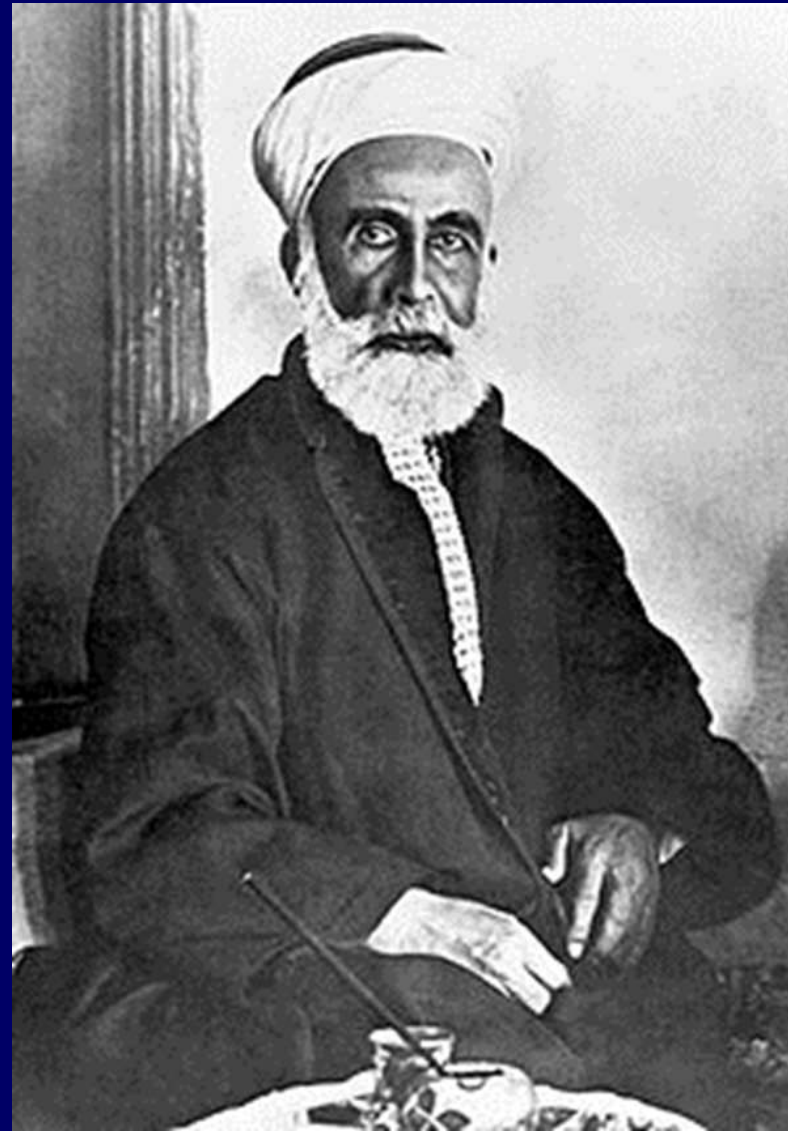




The McMahon-Hussein Correspondence, July 1915-January 1916



Sir Henry McMahon
British High Commissioner, Egypt



Hussein bin Ali
Sharif of Mecca/ King of Hejaz



**What Great Britain
promised the Arabs**

The Sykes-Picot Agreement, May 1916



Colonel Sir Mark Sykes

Francoise George-Picot



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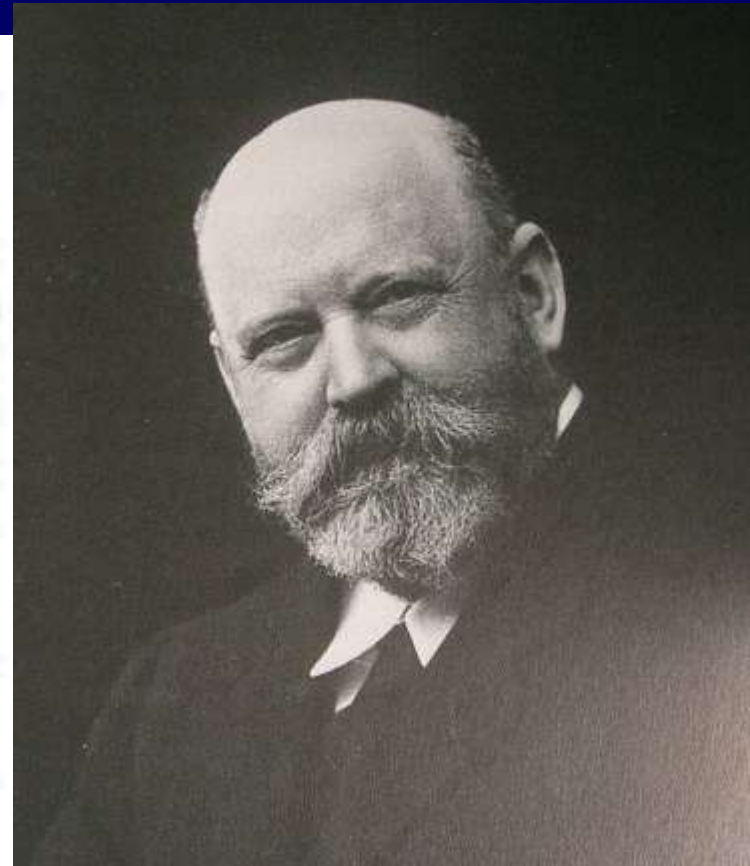
**“Turkish President (*Recep Tayyip Erdoğan*)
Declares Lawrence of Arabia a Bigger Enemy
than ISIS”**



The Balfour Declaration, November 1917



Arthur James Balfour
UK Foreign Secretary



Baron Walter Rothschild
British Jewish Leader

"We Arabs... look with the deepest sympathy on the Zionist movement. Our deputation here in Paris is fully acquainted with the proposals submitted yesterday by the Zionist Organization to the Peace Conference, and we regard them as moderate and proper. We will do our best, insofar as we are concerned, to help them through; we will wish the Jews a most hearty welcome home... I look forward, and my people with me look forward, to a future in which we will help you and you will help us, so that the countries in which we are mutually interested may once again take their places in the community of the civilized peoples of the world."

King Faisal of Syria

1947: United Nations Partition Plan



June 1948: Arab armies invade



July 1948: Israeli army counterattacks

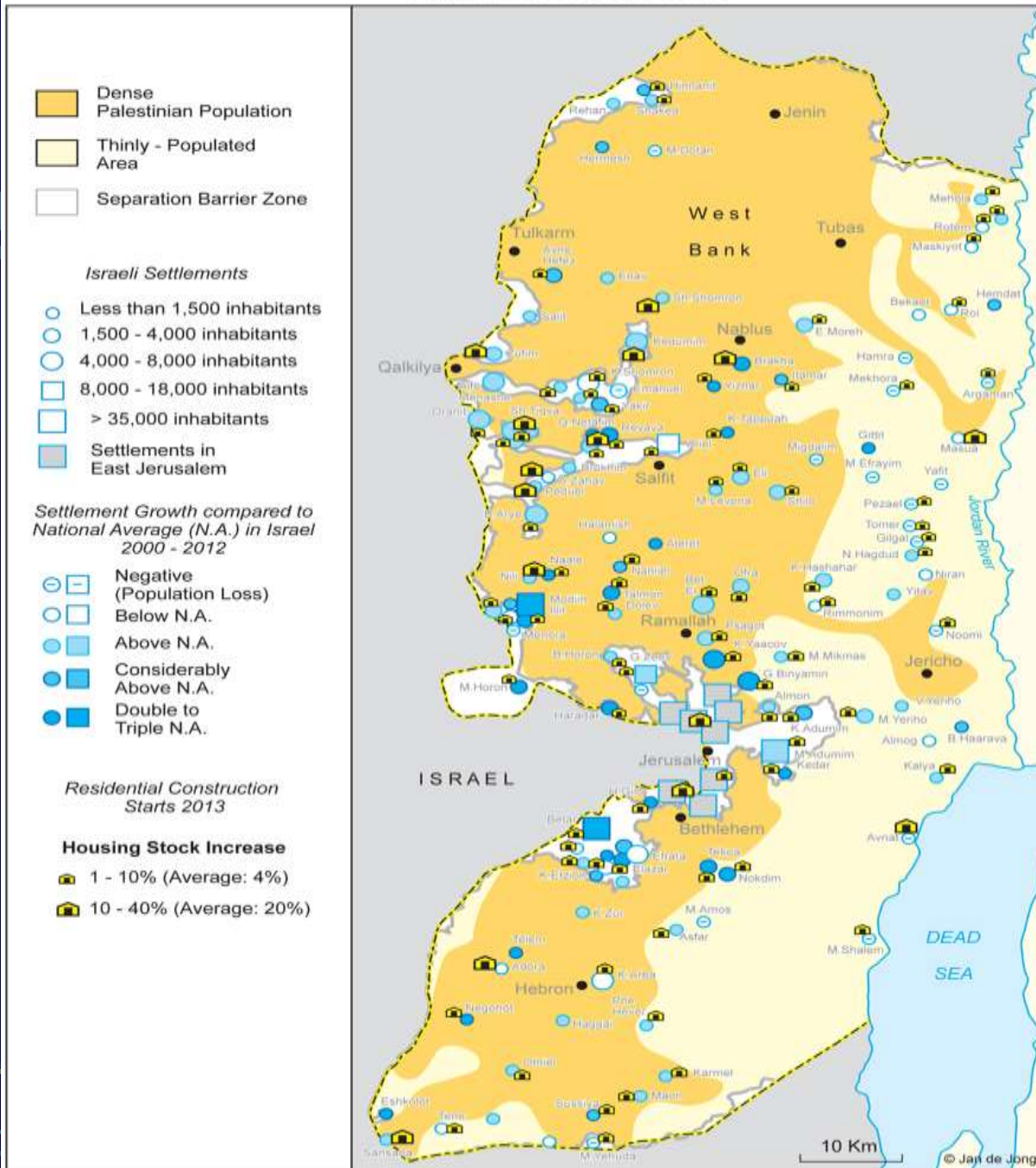


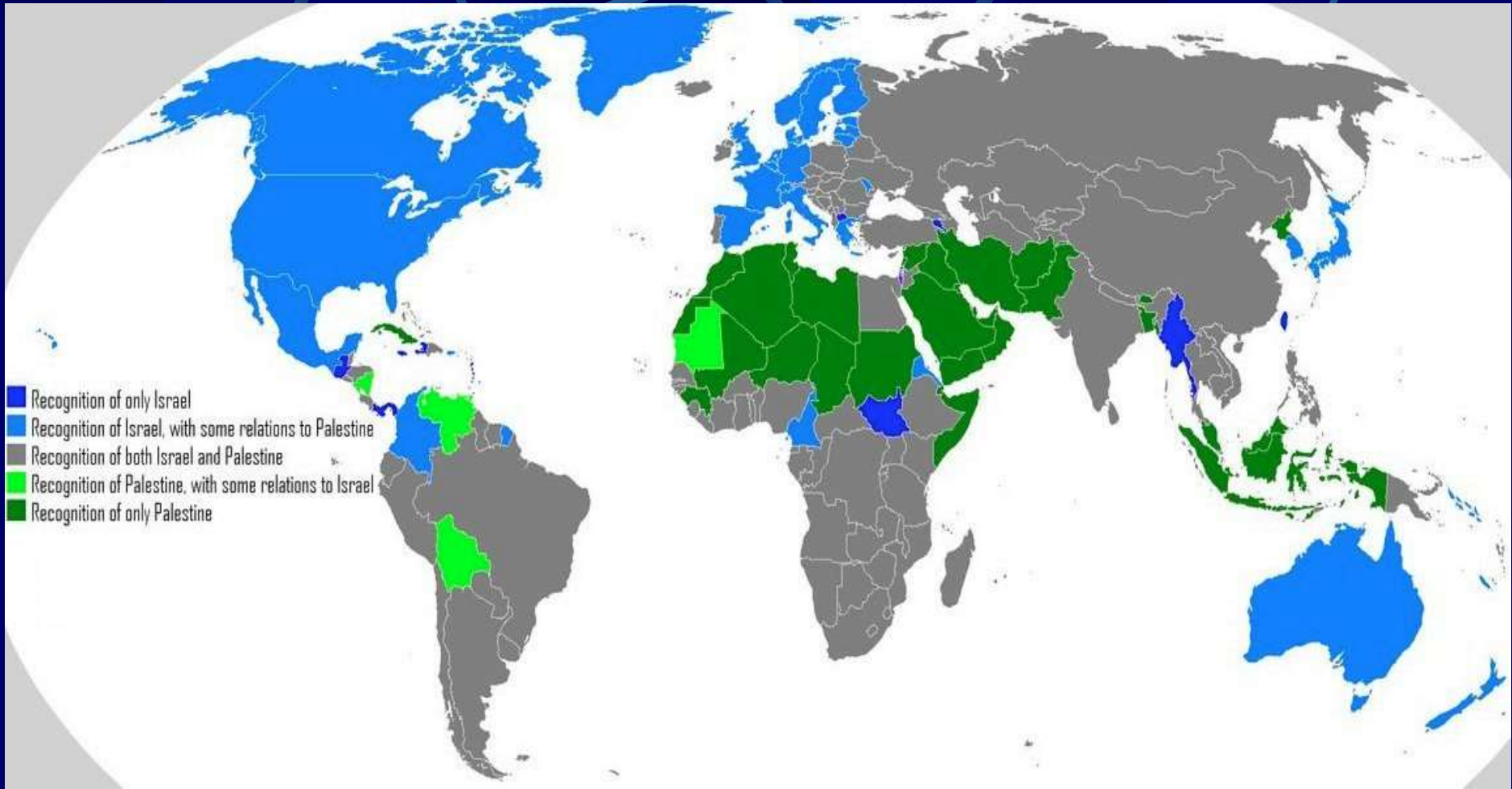
Israeli territorial changes 1949 - 1967





Israeli Settlements on the West Bank Patterns of Growth, 2013





- Recognition of only Israel
- Recognition of Israel, with some relations to Palestine
- Recognition of both Israel and Palestine
- Recognition of Palestine, with some relations to Israel
- Recognition of only Palestine

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