



Department of Political Science,  
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*You are cordially invited to attend a  
seminar by*

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**On the Topic of:**

**"The Struggle for Palestinians Hearts  
and Minds: Violence and Public  
Opinion in the Second Intifada"**

Abstract:

The paper examines how violence in the Second Intifada influences Palestinian public opinion. Using micro data from two different series of opinion polls linked to data on fatalities, we find that Israeli violence against Palestinians leads them to support more radical factions. This effect is temporary, however, and vanishes completely within 90 days. We also find some evidence that Palestinian fatalities lead to increased disaffection and a lack of support for any faction. Geographically proximate Palestinian fatalities have a larger effect than those that are distant, while Palestinian fatalities in targeted killings have a smaller effect relative to other fatalities. We find little evidence that Israeli fatalities change Palestinian public opinion and present evidence rejecting the hypothesis that Israeli fatalities claimed by different factions are effective in increasing support for those factions.

(The talk will be in Hebrew)

**Wednesday, May 21st at 14:30**

(Social Science room 4326)

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