

Israel's Secret Relations with States and Minorities in the Middle East, 1948-2022



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In order to survive in a hostile environment in the Middle East, Israeli decision makers developed a pragmatic regional foreign policy, designed to find ways to approach states, leaders and minorities willing to cooperate with it against mutual regional challenges. This lecture will discuss several cases of clandestine activity, such as Israel's ties with the Gulf countries, Sudan, and Morocco, and will offer a theoretical framework explaining the meaning and features of these covert relations.

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