

Paper presentation

**Israel-Palestine Peace: The Problem of Narratives**

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### Abstract

*This paper attempts to illustrate the two conflicting narratives of history of the common past. The two historical narratives, Israel's and the Palestinians' respectively, lack common understanding of the 1948 war. The 1948 war ended sixty years ago yet not the dispute over what happened. The societies in conflict do not perceive their pasts with a common view and the view at variance perpetuates the conflict further. The role of the history-writing appears significant in this process and it is critical to arrive at a juncture where two different narratives find an intersection in history. The theme of this paper is to elucidate the two narratives in order to highlight their differences. An attempt is made to relate the present day status of their conflict with the dispute over the past narratives. The conclusion suggests how peace is dependent upon perceptions of the past.*