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SESSION TEN	Syria Towards Pragmatism or Radicalization?
SESSION ELEVEN	Jordan Inside The Hashemite Kingdom Power, Opposition & The Future of Jordan
SESSION TWELVE	Regional Update & Reflections ** (extended session 1:00 - 3:00 pm EST)

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| COURSE OVERVIEW

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SESSION #11 JORDAN | INSIDE THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM

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MR. MUDAR ZAHRAH

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POPULATION 11 MILLION

SUNNI MUSLIMS - 97%

CHRISTIANS & OTHERS -3%



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| JORDAN | MAP & DEMOGRAPHY

1916 | THE SYKES - PICOT AGREEMENT

SYKES-PICOT AGREEMENT (1916 - ZONES A & B)

- International Administration
- Direct British Colonial Rule
- Direct French Colonial Rule
- New Arab State Under British Influence
- New Arab State Under French Influence
- Annexed to Russian Empire



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| THE END OF THE TURKISH OTTOMAN EMPIRE



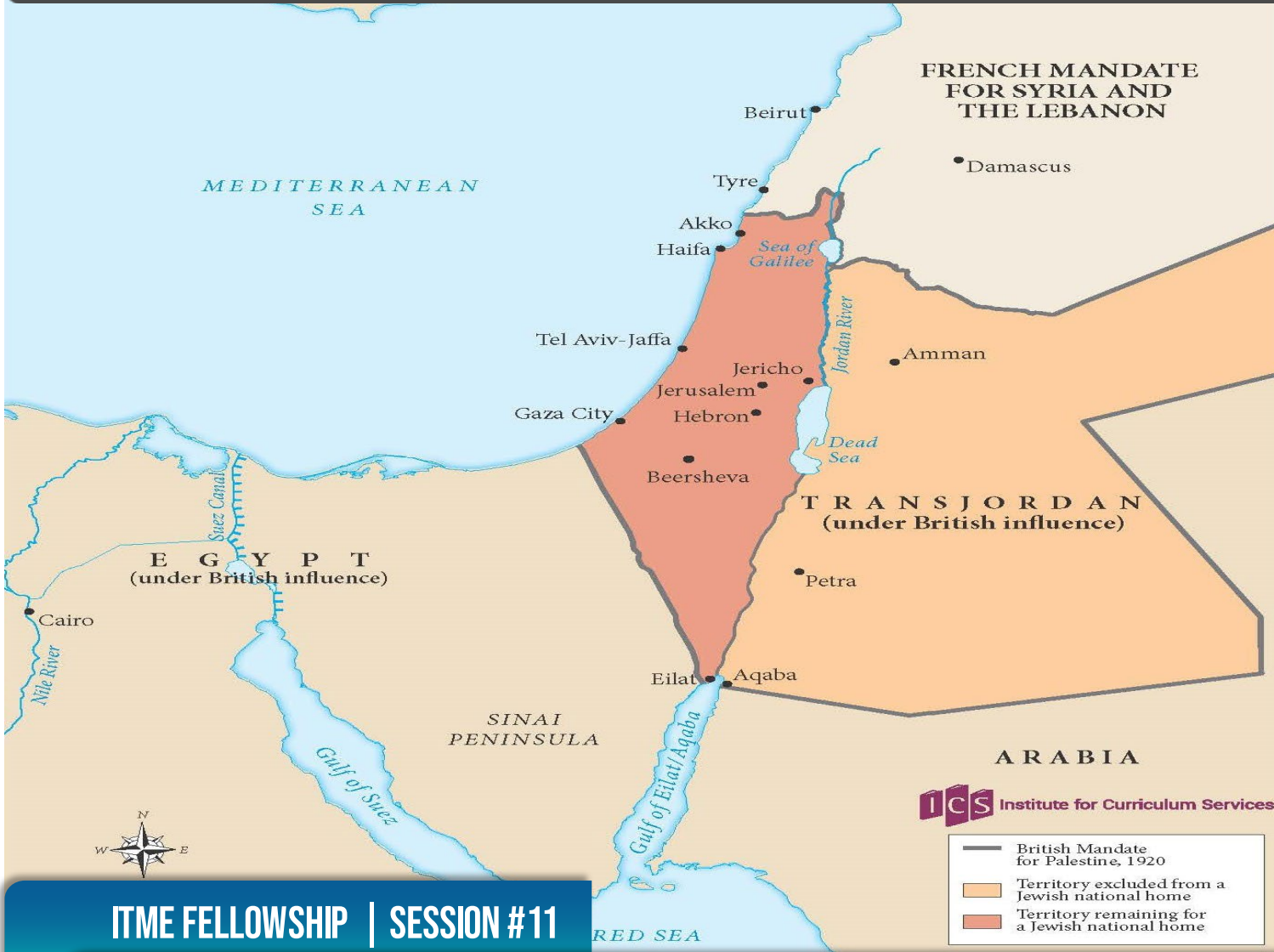
THE VISION OF THE 'ARAB KINGDOM OF SYRIA' UNDER THE HASHEMITE DYNASTY RULE



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JORDAN IN EVOLUTION

THE SEPARATION OF TRANSJORDAN | 1921



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| GREAT BRITAIN ESTABLISHES THE EMIRATE OF TRANS JORDAN



JORDAN | CONTEMPORARY MILESTONES

- April 1921** Establishment of the Hashemite **Emirate of Trans Jordan** (British protectorate), Amir Abdullah Bin al-Hussein (1882-1951)
- May 1946** TJ independence. TJ becomes “**The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**” **King Abdullah Bin al-Hussein** (1882-1951)
- 1948 – 1967** Jordan occupied and annexed the West Bank
- July 1951** King Abdullah was assassinated at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem
- 1951- 1952** **King Talal Bin Abdullah**
- 1952 – 1999** **King Hussein Bin Talal** (Born 1935)
 - 1967** The Six Day War – Israel occupies the West Bank
 - 1970** “Black September” – military collision between the Jordanian Monarchy and Palestinian armed militias in Jordan
 - 1988** Jordan detached its administrative connection to the West Bank (except for Jerusalem)
 - 1994** Jordan and Israel sign Peace Treaty
- 1999 - Now** **King Abdullah II Bin Hussein**



JORDAN | CHALLENGES AND TRANSITION

- ❑ Increasing economic, environmental and societal challenges
- ❑ External threats
Iranian-backed 'Axis of Resistance'
- ❑ Tensions between identity features:
 - ❑ Islamism
 - ❑ Statehood
 - ❑ Palestinian
 - ❑ Tribal



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| THE FUTURE OF JORDAN?



JORDAN | STRATEGIC LOCATION

**NORTH — SOUTH CORRIDOR
(TURKEY— SYRIA — GULF AREA)**

**EAST-WEST CORRIDOR
(IRAQ — EGYPT)**



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| JORDAN | THE NORTHERN & EASTERN GATEKEEPER



INSIDE JORDAN | POWER, OPPOSITION & THE FUTURE OF JORDAN

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