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## **DR. KENNETH STEIN**

### **Emory University Professor Emeritus, December 2024**

From January 1977 until December 2022, when he became Emeritus Professor, Ken Stein has taught Middle Eastern History, Political Science and Israel Studies to more than 5800 Emory students. Presently, he is the Founding President of the [Center for Israel Education \(CIE\)](#) and its Chief Content Officer. He is the moderator of Israel content webinars, [Israel@75 \(2022-2023\)](#) and the [Hamas-Israel War 2023-2024](#); the website enjoys 65,000 users a week, with Israel learning, source, and curriculum materials available in Hebrew, Spanish, English and Polish. For a quarter century he was Middle East Fellow of the Carter Center in Atlanta, resigning in 2006 over egregious infelicities and claims in President Jimmy Carter's publication. He is a public intellectual providing incisive and insightful analysis of Israel, the Middle East, and its foreign relations.

Stein is the author of five books and dozens of scholar articles. His expertise focuses on the origins of modern Israel, the conflict, Palestinian history, the Arab-Israeli negotiating process and U.S.-Israeli relations. He has written extensively on the social, economic, and political history of Palestine and the Yishuv in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Two of his books, **The Land Question in Palestine, 1917-1939** (1984) and **Heroic Diplomacy: Sadat, Kissinger, Carter, Begin and the Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace** (1999) have remained standards in their fields. A third, **The June 1967 War: How it Changed Jewish, Israeli, and Middle Eastern History** (2017) was published for adult and teen audience in conjunction with the American Reform Zionist Movement. His most recent scholarly article, "[Jimmy Carter's Middle East Legacies.](#)" *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*, September 2024

At Emory he remains the only faculty member to have been the recipient of three unique awards: undergraduate teaching excellence, life-long mentoring of students, and for internationalizing the curriculum. Ken's fund-raising initiatives were responsible for bringing to Emory College sixteen visiting Israeli professors in the social sciences.

Stein earned his BA at Franklin and Marshall College (BA) and his advanced degrees from the University of Michigan (two MA degrees and a doctorate in Middle Eastern History). From 1971-1973, he was visiting graduate research student at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In Spring 2006, he was a visiting professor of Political Science at Brown University.