Call For Papers: Thirty years since the Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin: Impact on Israeli Politics, Culture, Society

Israel Studies (IUP)

In November of 1995, at the end of a rally in support of the Oslo Accords and the peace initiatives advanced by the government of Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister was gunned down by Yigal Amir, an activist who considered Rabin a traitor to the State of Israel, to the Jewish People, and to the Land of Israel. That moment was a critical turning point in the history of Israel.

November 2025 will mark thirty years since that day. In marking this sad anniversary, Israel Studies invites proposals for articles that will explore the impact of that political assassination. Among the questions we propose exploring:

- What has been the impact of the Rabin assassination on the peace process and on the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?
- How did the assassination affect relations between religious and secular Israelis?
- How might the assassination be understood in the broader context of Jewish religion and religiosity in Israel?
- How might the assassination be understood in the context of the history of political violence and assassinations?
- What impact did the assassination have on perceptions of political violence in Israel?
- In what ways did the assassination impact the development of the Israeli political “right” and “left”?
- What impact did the assassination have on the institutions of Israeli democracy and on public discourse regarding democratic values in Israel?
- What impact did the assassination have on academic discourse about Israel and on the limits of discourse itself?
- What impact did the assassination have on conceptions of peace in Israel?
- How have Rabin and the assassination been commemorated in Israeli culture?

Israel Studies invites scholars in all disciplines involved in the study of Israel to submit proposals for original, unpublished articles for a special issue examining the legacy and impact of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Article manuscripts of 8,000-10,000 words in length, should be submitted by March 15 2025 at: https://scholarworks.iu.edu/iupjournals/index.php/israelstudies/about/submissions.