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In this era of xenophobia and Islamophobia, it is critically important to include Arab American Studies (under the rubric of Asian American Studies) in the ESMC - particularly the historic and current struggles in Palestine. These struggles will continue to dominate international relations for decades, and it is certainly not antisemitic to include a balanced, accurate review of events that will aid students in understanding the issues involved. Our public discussions tend to include only partisan dog whistles and blind loyalties.

Our universities boast many distinguished Arab American scholars and ethnic studies experts who should be tapped to provide the guidance needed to develop these programs.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

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