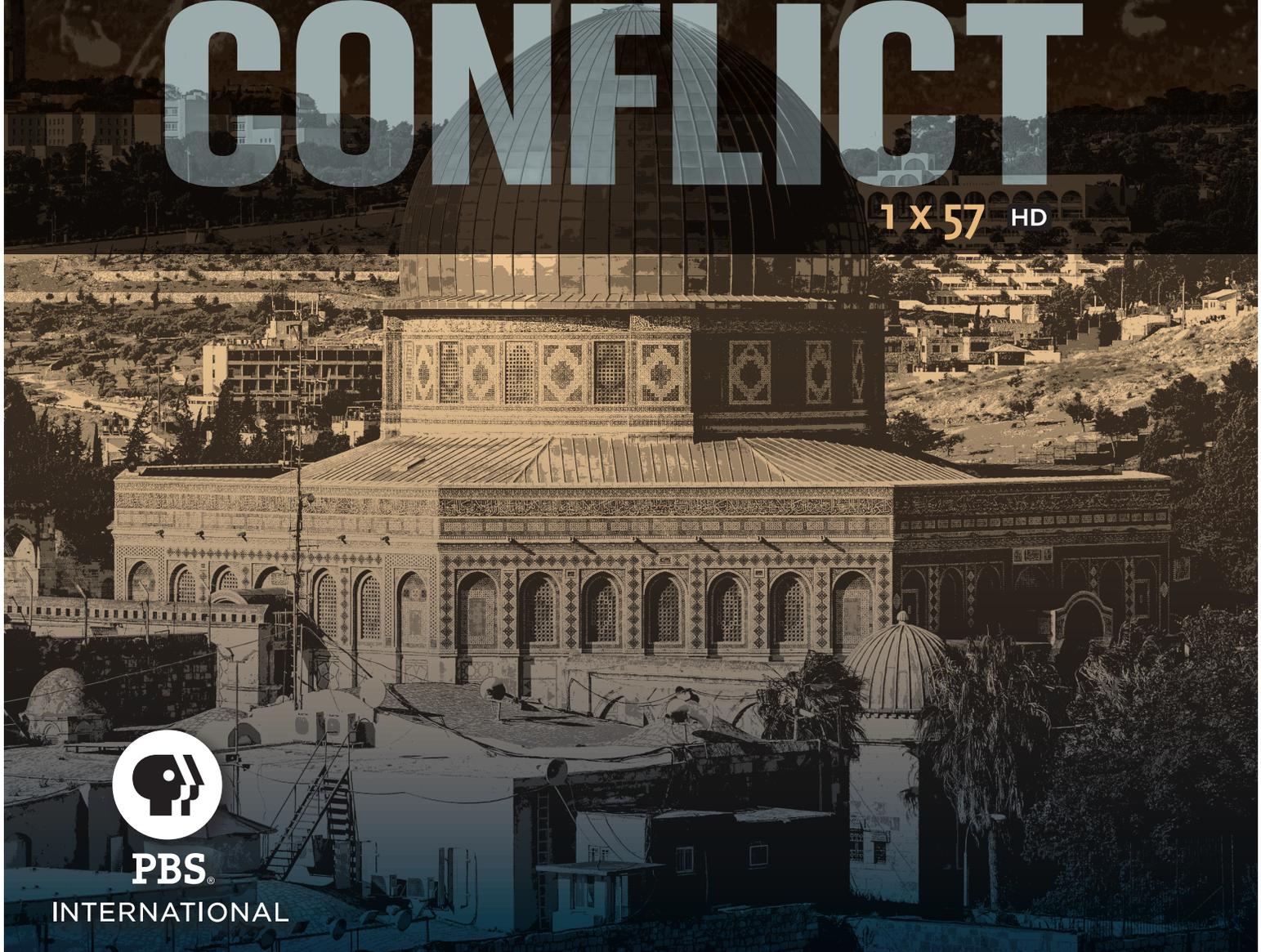




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1913: *Seeds of Conflict* looks at a time of transformation when Ottoman rule in Palestine was still strong, the personal identities of people living there were fluid and overlapping, and few could imagine the conflict that would dominate the region for most of the next century.

Seeds captures the complexities and nuances of life in Palestine when relationships between Arabs and Jews were far closer than they are today, and explores the multi-cultural, multi-lingual Ottoman Empire in its waning years—a colorful society pulled between medieval and modern influences, where alliances had as much to do with familial ties as they did with the hierarchy of Ottoman rule. The district of Jerusalem (later southern Palestine) was a region adapting to the growing forces of nationalism and a perceived threat to Ottoman sovereignty by European “foreigners”. Zionism, the European-based movement for a Jewish homeland, and Arabism, or Arab nationalism, still nascent in this period, are the forces that propel the narrative.

Tapping an exciting new vein of contemporary scholarship through historians working in Ramallah, Tel Aviv, Florida, Los Angeles, and New York, the film explores the period before the British conquest of Palestine in 1917 and all that would follow. *Seeds* explores this seminal moment in history through the eyes of the historic figures who experienced its change and transition first hand, and uncovers a period when the conflict didn’t appear so hopeless and when diverse neighbors could sit down together to discuss their differences over a strong cup of Turkish coffee.

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