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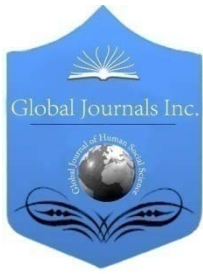
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## Chapter One

### I. INTRODUCTION

Pedophilia simply refers to the sexual interest of adults towards prepubescent children. This paper provides an insightful and analytical view of the practice of pedophilia based on Vladimir Nobokov's novel *Lolita* (1955). This library-based research opens an argument on whether pedophilia should be seen as a perverse psychiatric disorder, or it is just the sexual orientation of a person. Nobokov's introduction of two binary opposite characters of Humbert and Quilty demonstrates the utmost level of intensity regarding the issue of pedophilia in the novel.

This paper is divided into five major chapters with supporting discussions in each of the sections. The first section addresses the scenario, research problems and objectives of this paper. The second chapter discusses the research methodology. The third chapter employs the main discussions of the paper along with subsequent supposing details. The fourth chapter demonstrates the research findings, and the final chapter makes recommendations and leaves scopes for further studies.

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#### a) Scenario

Sex is a normative human behavior that has as ancient a past as the human being. From point of view the Abrahamic religions, the practice of sex dates back to the Garden of Eden before Adam and Eve's fall. But, there are no direct biblical references to pedophilia. However, since pedophilia, a perverse practice of sex, is persistent in different cultures across the world, the depiction of this abnormal sex practice, therefore, is found in literary texts as well. Although pedophilia is considered by many to be the most perverse form of sexual behavior, but some people argue that pedophilia is a very common sexual orientation like homosexuality and bisexuality. It is even argued by some scholars that it needs a cultural standpoint to call pedophilia 'a perverse practice' or 'a crime'. However, Vladimir Nobokov's *Lolita*, set in the 1950s America, deals with two pedophiles – Humbert and Quilty. Though it apparently seems that they have different sexual orientations unlike the rest of the characters in the novel, but Nobokov does not verify the acclamation.

On the other hand, the practice of pedophilic sex is still very common in different parts of the globe. Different groups advocate against terming consensual sex with prepubescent boys/girls and teenagers as 'pedophilia' because they believe "eighteen is just a number". (Breure, *Are All Men Pedophiles?*) But, there are others who hold strong positions against this notion. They argue that if someone engages in sex with a prepubescent boy or girl, s/he should be called a 'perverse' regardless of the consent of the minor. This paper therefore intends to explore whether pedophilia can be termed as a sexual orientation or if it is just an extreme form of perversity.

#### b) Research Problems

While conducting the research, a number of behind-the-closet striking questions came forth. As the research title suggests, this study involves two different intense normative human behavioral acts – 'psychiatric disorder' and 'sexual orientation'. The first one apparently seems strictly a medical term whereas the second one involves concepts surrounding gender studies. Though this research is based primarily on Vladimir Nobokov's novel of 1955, but it also further explores the recent phenomenon of pedophilia.

Therefore, the problem that comes into focus is the integration of this medical term and analyzing it in the perspective of gender studied.

#### c) Research Objectives

The objectives of this research include -

- i. Finding out the medical and cultural meanings of the term 'pedophilia' by examining the clinical definitions and meanings; and whether it is seen as a disease or not
- ii. Finding out the etymological meaning of 'pedophilia' by incorporating the preexisting meanings and external references of the term.
- iii. Analyzing whether to term 'pedophilia' as a curable sickness or just a category of unrecognized sexual orientation.

#### d) Significance of the Study

This research bears significance because rather than keeping the taboo topic of 'pedophilia' unexplored, it explores and analyzes different aspects of pedophilia. Though the research is principally based on a groundbreaking novel of the 1950s, but it also explores the contemporary discourses circulating 'pedophilia'. This research is significant as it tries to answer whether to stick to the established notions of seeing sexual attraction towards children as perversion or to give it the recognition, which is campaigned by many groups.

### Chapter Two

## II. METHODOLOGY

This study, aimed at analyzing Nobokov's *Lolita* from the point of view of the act of pedophilia, draws the contemporary critical, cultural and gender theories. Pedophilia, a broader term that covers up different aspects and perspectives, has been elaborated from the points of views victims of both the victim and the pedophiles.

- i) *Analyzing Written Discourses*: The primary research method that has been employed in conducting this research is analyzing written discourses. This research has been conducted primarily based on Vladimir Nobokov's novel *Lolita*. The focus goes therefore on the protagonist, Lolita, the anti-hero, Humbert and his foil character, Quilty. The research has given an in-depth analysis of the psycho-sexual behaviors of the characters to support the argument that this paper is based on.
- ii) *Analyzing Visual Materials*: The secondary research method that has been employed in finishing this research is analyzing visual and auditory materials. The 1962 film of the same name, *Lolita* (1962) directed by Stanley Kubrik, has been consulted to support some arguments. Jan-Willem Breure's documentary titled *Are All Men Pedophiles?* (2012) has also been referred to.

### Chapter Three

## III. DISCUSSION

International Classification of Diseases (ICD) defines pedophilia as a psychological disorder of adult men or women who feel sexual attraction particularly towards children of pre-pubertal or early-pubertal age. A similar definition has been given by American Heritage Stedman's Medical Dictionary. According to them, "Pedophilia is the act or fantasy on the part of an adult of engaging in sexual activity with a child or children." (Stedman's Medical Dictionary) But, there are rather dissimilar thoughts on it as well. Dr. James Cantor of Center for Addiction and Mental health has found that pedophilia is a "biologically rooted condition that does not change — like a sexual orientation." (The Star) A similar talk is found in Krafft-Ebing's book named *Psychopathia Sexualis*. The author argues that pedophilia is nothing but a sexual practice, such as homosexuality and bisexuality.

In the context of the novel of *Lolita*, Humbert the protagonist apparently has a psychiatric disorder, and he had been admitted to mental hospitals twice. The novel, narrated from Humbert's point of view, never includes any hints of any wrong doings of the protagonist. The narrator rather defends himself by using Lolita as a shield. But, a critical view of the character gives a detailed understanding of his pedophilic origin. It is notable that his mother had died when he was only five years old. Being a member of a well-to-do lone family in a suburban area, Humbert developed an 'everlasting feeling of loneliness', which might have made him psychologically imbalanced. Sigmund Freud, in his popular essay "Mourning and Melancholia", terms this everlasting pain as 'melancholia'. His mother's death, which is logically supposed to make him sad, turns out to be an ongoing pain in him that traumatizes him and leaves him emotionally vacant throughout his childhood. A psychoanalytic study of this incident would end up with the Freudian concept of 'Oedipal Complex'. At the age of 5, Humbert fails to bear the pain of his mother's death, and it leaves him traumatized. This trauma is seen further tormenting him when he fails to consummate his love affair with Annabel Leigh, his teenage love interest.

Annabel and Humbert fall in love in their teenage years. This affair works as a turn on in Humbert's life. But, things get disastrous when Humbert finds that he cannot make love with Annabel Leigh. If analyzed from Freudian point of view, it becomes apparent that Humbert's failure roots back to his mother's demise and the Oedipal Complex follows. It is quite ambiguous if Humbert finds any similarity between Annabel Leigh and his mother, but there are hints that he thinks likewise. However, the second most vulnerability in his life comes following the death of

Annabel Leigh. Firstly, he is traumatized by his mother's death; and then Leigh's death doubles the trauma. If the pain, which he gets after his mother's death, is the beginning of his 'melancholia' then that multiplies the pain following Annabel's death.

Popular Japanese novelist Haruki Murakami's novel *Norwegian Wood* (1987) deals with a similar female character named Naoko. She gets traumatized following her elder sister's death, becomes even more traumatized after the death of her love interest. As an effect of melancholia, she fails to consummate her love with Kizuki. Her *inertia* causes her *melancholia* that later persuades her to ultimately commit suicide. Like Humbert, Naoko has to consult with psychiatrists. But, the major difference between these two characters is that Naoko never appears to be attracted to any prepubescent boys or girls, whereas Humbert does.

However, Humbert's feelings seem to retrieve when he meets Lolita years later. For him, Lolita and Annabel resemble with each other. As the narrative suggests, the narrator is unwilling to call Lolita 'beautiful'; rather, Humbert thinks she is more like an 'average nymphet'. Humbert's attraction does not simply vanish after he finds Lolita; he rather seeks for scopophilic pleasure of seeing other girls at school. He terms the young school girls 'nymphets'. (Nobokov, 127)

Laura Mulvey's concepts of 'scopophilia' and 'voyeuristic pleasure' can be incorporated here. As the objects (the nymphets at school) are unreachable for him, he seeks pleasure only by seeing them. Stanley Kubrik, when adapting this novel into a film, uses interesting camera angles to give the viewers the same kind of scopophilic pleasure as Humbert has got as in the novel. Stanley's works with Humbert's 'gaze mechanism' takes *Lolita* (1962) to a new height.

Humbert's perverse psyche is revealed when he decides to marry Charlotte Haze, Lolita's biological mother, so that he can stay around Lolita. This action is surely a perverse practice because it involves both pedophilia and incest to the first degree. As he later engages in sexual acts with his step-daughter and twelve-years-old Lolita, he proves himself nothing but a 'pervert'. Humbert's desperation in finding Lolita, when she is lost, further attributes him of his pervert psychiatric disorder. And finally when he kills Quilty over forcing Lolita to join an even perverse act of pedophilic orgy, he seems not feeling guilty of either for i) making love with Lolita or ii) killing Quilty.

Lolita, the most ambiguous character of the novel, is the object of pedophilia in the novel. If the narrative style of the novel is taken into consideration, it is found that the narrator uses interesting phrases to hide any of his own guilt. He rather blames Lolita for persuading him to feel attracted towards her. As the novel is a meta-narrative narrated from the point of view

of Humbert, it seems natural that he would not confess of his guilt.

A study, conducted by Dr. James Cantor, has found that only 1-5% of males find it intriguing to make love with children. If the statistical flaw is taken into consideration, it becomes evident that this ratio would further decrease. It is reasonable to think that many a number of the survey participants would hide their fantasies of engaging in sex with minors in fear of getting revealed. Anyway, in that case, it is quite difficult to term this psychological condition a 'sexual orientation'; rather, it sounds more appropriate if it is seen as 'perversion'. The twelve-years-old Dolores Haze aka Lolita has been overtly presented as a sexual object rather than simply as a teenage girl. A girl of her age would find sex interesting by nature. But, her lack of knowledge of sex triggers interesting questions. For her, sex is more of a 'game' than a medium of 'generating pleasure'. She admits of having carnal love with one of her scout-mates named Charlie. He tells this exactly after she has sex with Humbert for the first time. Her mental immaturity definitely is a contributing factor, but that is nothing exceptional because girls of her age might naturally feel interested towards exploring the taboo world of sexuality. In addition, Lolita's close female friends also appear to be attracted towards Humbert, or vice versa that also supports this argument. Additionally, it is not quite clear up to the end of the novel who Lolita's biological father is. As she is devoid of a father during her childhood years, it seems natural that her mother's affair with a man of her father's age would trigger jealousy in her. This 'Electra Complex' seems interesting when she finds her mother attracted towards Humbert. This jealousy or 'Electra Complex' guides her towards acting stubborn.

Another interesting yet important character of the novel is Clare Quilty. Quilty, who is the alter ego of Humbert is too a pedophile. Quilty, a prominent writer in disguise, follows Lolita and Humbert throughout the novel, and ends up 'stealing' her from the hospital. His immoral perversion comes under the limelight at the end of the novel when it is found that Lolita had left Quilty on the grounds of her hatred for him as he forced her to engage in perverse sexual acts. This perversion is expressive even in Humbert.

The term 'nymphet' is believed to have been coined by Vladimir Nobokov. Humbert, the narrator, describes prepubescent girls as nymphets. As for him,

"Between the age limits of nine and fourteen there occur maidens.... I propose to designate as 'nymphets.'" (Nobokov, 9)

In a following chapter, the narrator states that he fantasizes of living in "the mirrory beaches and rosy rocks—of an enchanted island haunted by those nymphets of mine and surrounded by a vast, misty sea." (Nobokov, 9) This sexual fantasy is the result of his

obsession with the image of Annabel. But, that is not the case in all the pedophiles of the world. The idea of 'compulsory heterosexuality' is quite absent here because even if pedophilia is consensual, the question remains on whether anyone at the age of twelve can give consent or not. Though there are groups who call for the reformation of the 'age of consent' stating that 'eighteen is just a number', but debates remain on whether to follow this notion as for granted or not. On the contrary to the stance of these groups, there are other activists who think that children should be given mandatory sex education to prevent pedophilia and other child molestation incidents.

Child pornography, which is the bi-product of pedophilia, is another discernible example of sexual perversion. As Humbert did, pedophiles want to remain anonymous, yet they want to speak up for their sexual preferences. This proves that pedophilia is an example of perversion that needs psychiatric treatments to get the pedophiles cured. A recent example of pedophilia is the cyber girl named Sweetie. This 10-years-old-looking computer-generated-image (CGI) of a Pilipino girl was created by a group of Swedish computer experts using 3D computer graphics imagery. She was used for catching 1000 pedophiles from across the world. Initiatives like this can be taken more frequently to minimize the incidents of child molestation and pedophilia.

Sigmund Freud talks about the sexuality of children in his book titled *Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality*. Their sex formation is quite natural which is also present in the character of Lolita. In Michel Foucault's *History of Sexuality*, the development of sexuality in children has been further discussed. It describes that since the notion of sex is kept hidden from children, it is inevitable that teens would feel especially interested in sex if they are given the space. The same thing happens when Lolita's sexual drives are controlled and influenced by Humbert. She rejects any further manipulation of Quilty when she starts realizing that the reality is quite the opposite.

#### Chapter Four

### IV. MAJOR FINDINGS

Based on the discussion stated above, this research comes up with the following major findings:

- i Dissimilar to non-straight sexual acts like homosexuality and bi-sexuality, pedophilia is not a sexual orientation; rather it is a psychological disorder that is curable by treatment. A number of factors can play roles in making someone a pedophile; but working on those factors can ease things up.
- ii People with 'Lolita Complex' can be cured with Cognitive Therapy. As it has a clinical solution, this perverse sickness can be cured.

- iii Pedophilia is a universal phenomenon persisting worldwide. Though the definition and acceptability of pedophilia varies depending on cultural differences across nations, but it is a crime against humanity. Examples of child sex tourism in countries like Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico etc can be cited.

#### Chapter Five

### V. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSION

This research has identified the psychological stances of Humbert, Quilty and Lolita, and related it to the statistical findings of the recent past. It also has also given a theoretical reading of how pedophilia is related to sexuality but yet it is unacceptable. The study therefore comes with the following recommendations and conclusions.

#### a) Recommendation

- i) Childhood sex education is important to avoid children from being victims of pedophilia. The same goes for the pedophiles. If proper and timed education can be ensured, any psychological disorder can be prevented.
- ii) Openness towards sex can be a vital factor in tackling pedophilia. Other than presenting sex as a taboo topic, parents as well as adults, should be educative towards children when it comes to sex education.

#### b) Conclusion and Scope for Further Study

In concluding this paper, a number of possible areas can be talked about where further study is possible. As the researcher is a Bangladeshi national, he recommends that a further study can be carried out on the practices of pedophilia in different Bangladeshi cultural contexts. Another interesting area to browse is child marriage in Bangladesh. As the pedophiles are fetishistic, studies can be carried out on the visual discourses where children are used as sex objects. Interested parties might also carry out research works on child pornography, its sub-genres of *lolicon manga* or *lolicon anime*, child sexual abuse and related subject areas.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Human interaction can often lead to conflict, which can occur anywhere whether in family, in the work place, in communities or between independent states. Conflict is called international when it occurs between sovereign states. A better understanding of the sources of dynamics of international conflict can lead one to work through conflicts more constructively so that positive change might be created.

The first step in understanding conflict is to consider its possible definitions. The variety of the definitions of conflict reveals the complexity of understanding contentious human interactions. For Christopher Moore (2003), conflict is a "struggle between two or more people over values, or competition for status, power and scarce resources." Jeffrey Rubin

and Dean Pruitt (2003) define conflict as "perceived divergence of interest, or a belief that the parties' current aspirations cannot be achieved simultaneously."

This study will analyze the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as it pertains to the international relations. This paper will use three international relations theories to discuss the Israeli-Palestinians conflict as it pertains to the international conflict type. The three theories that will be used to analyze the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are the neorealist, constructionist and relative deprivation.

The neorealist will be the first theory that will discuss the Israeli-Palestinians. This theory pertains to the contemporary conflict paradigm and is rooted in the international relations theory perspective. This study will discuss the conceptual frame of the theory, its major thinkers, as well as its strengths and weaknesses. This study will also employ the neorealist theory to analyze the Israeli-Palestinians conflict as it pertains to the international relations. The second theory to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will be the constructionism. This theory pertains to the post-modern conflict paradigm and is rooted in the international relations theory. This research will discuss the conceptual frame of the constructionist theory, its roots as well as the major thinkers pertaining to this theory. This study will also discuss the strengths and weaknesses of this theory. Finally this study will employ the constructionist theory to analyze the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Relative deprivation will be the third theory that will be use in this study to analyze the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This theory is rooted in the Marxian perspective. This research will discuss the conceptual frame of relative deprivation theory, its roots, major thinkers as well as its strengths and weakness.

This study will employ phenomenological method to research the Israeli-Palestinian conflict because phenomenology is a valuable qualitative approach to studying human experience. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is considered to be one of the drivers of the security threat and the rise of terrorism in the Middle East and the world. The study of this conflict will

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be important because it will shed light on the differing views on security, cultural identity and religious beliefs of the parties. This study will also shed lights on the role of the United States in the Israeli-Palestinians conflict.

My statement of the problem would be the Israelis-Palestinians conflict poses security concerns in the Middle East region and the entire world. Based on my theoretical analysis of this case, I will employ qualitative method of inquiry involving phenomenological research. This study will employ integrative negotiation also know as win-win negotiation as practice application that best addresses the Israeli-Palestinians conflict.

The following are key words of this study: neorealist theory, social constructionist theory, relative deprivation, phenomenological research, international relations, integrative negotiation, win-win negotiation.

## II. HISTORY AND CONTEXT OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIANS CONFLICTS

The fundamental of the conflict-disputes between the Israelis and the Palestinians lies on the needs for security, safety and peace between both parties. These needs have been framed from the beginning by the UN Security Resolution 242, 1967 and have guided most of peace plans-the exchange of land for peace (Reynolds, 2007). From the proposals since the UN Security Resolution 242, 1967 to the various negotiations that have taken place over decades of years, settlement has been often failed to be reached.

The negotiations in the Israeli-Palestinians conflict from the beginning have involved the principal negotiators known as the Israeli and the Palestinians and the shadows negotiators such as the United States and the Arab countries including Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Iran. There has been misinterpretation with respect to the UN resolution 242, 1967 which called for the withdrawal of the Israeli armed forces from the occupied territories and also for respect for an acknowledgement of the sovereignty as well as the territorial integrity and political independence of every state in the area who has the right to live in peace (Reynolds, 2007). In fact, the resolution is famous for the imprecision of its central phase concerning an Israeli withdrawal - it says simply "from territories". The Israelis argued this resolution did not necessarily mean all territories, but Arab negotiators said that it did" (Reynolds, 2007).

A second resolution 338 linked to the 242 has called for a ceasefire in the war of October 1973 and urged the implementation of 242 in all parts. Following the 1973 resolution, there was a peace agreement attempted in 1978 in the Camp David Accords between the parties. Several other talks and negotiations have been attempted following the 1967 war, but none has reached an agreement until 1977 after the historic visit of an Egyptian president, Answar Sadat (Reynolds, 2007).

At that time, the United States, a shadow negotiator, capitalizing on the new mood and the presence of the Egyptian president pushed for an agreement. They met in Camp David for twelve days and reached two agreements. The first agreement reached was the framework for Peace in the Middle East. This settlement led down the principle for peace and expanded on resolution 242, which agreed that there should be a treaty between Egypt and Israel and called for other treaties between Israel and its neighbors (Reynolds, 2007).

The second agreement, the Camp David was the framework for the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel this followed in 1979, after an Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai. This was the first recognition of Israel as a state by a major Arab country. The treaty has lasted, and it substantially strengthened Israel's position. President Sadat was himself later assassinated (Reynolds, 2007).

Among the other peace talks and negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians are the Madrid conference of 1991 con-sponsored by the United Sates and the soviets. The Madrid conference meant to design to follow up the Egypt-Israel treaty by encouraging other Arab countries to sign their own agreements with Israel. According to Reynolds (2007), the conference eventually led to a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan in 1994.

The Oslo Agreement signed in 1993 stipulated that Israeli troops would withdraw in stages from the West Bank and Gaza that a "Palestinian Interim Self-Governing Authority" would be set up for a five-year transitional period, which will lead to a permanent settlement based on resolutions 242 and 338 (Reynolds, 2007). At the other hand, the Camp David talks of 2000 vowed to speed up the withdrawal and self-government provisions of Oslo. Then in 2000, President Bill Clinton sought to address the final status issues - including borders, Jerusalem and refugees - that Oslo had left aside for later negotiation (Reynolds, 2007). At Camp David in 2000, Barak and Arafat failed to agree.

Another peace talk called Saudi peace plan took place in 2002. During this conference, the building of Jewish settlements on occupied land is a key issue in the talks. After the failure of bilateral talks and the resumption of conflict, the Saudi peace plan presented at an Arab summit in Beirut in March 2002 went back to a multi-lateral approach and in particular signaled a desire by the Arab world as a whole to put an end to this dispute (Reynolds, 2007).

After the failure of the Saudi talk, a different plan, the Arab Peace Initiative was put in place. The new initiative suggested that Israel would withdraw to the lines of June 1967; a Palestinian state would be set up in the West Bank and Gaza. In return, Arab countries would recognize the right of Israel to exist (Reynolds, 2007). After different attempts primary and shadow

negotiators put forward a "road map 2003" plan aimed to in the Middle East (Reynolds, 2007).

### III. THE NEOREALIST THEORY

The neo-realist is one of the most influential contemporary approaches to international relations theory (Powell, 1994). The major thinker of the neorealist theory is Waltz (1997) who was the first to introduce the structural based "Neorealist" theory of international relations. The neorealist theory is opposed to classical realists and sometimes called "structural realists". The neorealist theory defines the international system by anarchy meaning the absence of central authority (Waltz). According to this theory, states are sovereign and thus autonomous of each other; no inherent structure or society can emerge or even exist to order relations between them. States are bound only by coercion or by their own consent. In such an anarchic system, State power is the key indeed, the only variable of interest, because only through power States can defend themselves and hope to survive. The neorealist claims that security is the first goal of every State. Given that goal of security, states will act as best as they can in order to maximize their likelihood to exist. The neorealist views international relations essentially as a story of Great Power politics. Waltz affirms that the international anarchy does not prevent ordering nations within the international community. Nations can balance against other nations, or they can form hierarchies and balance one hierarchy against one or more rival hierarchies (Bordner, 1997).

The central affirmation of Waltz theory of international relations is that all states are security seekers. Waltz has argued that anarchy exists on the international level. Waltz posits that Anarchy exists and calls it structure. He describes the power on the state level as being distributed hierarchically while in the international community it is distributed horizontally. Waltz has also stressed that security seeking states are composed of units. He stresses that States as units are the second dimension of structure (Waltz). As states are security seeking, they tend to replicate each other on the unit level, thus leading to a balancing behavior. The neorealist affirms that anarchy is the cause of insecurity and conflict between states. Waltz argues that human society could be organized on a cooperative basis rather than a competitive basis.

The neorealist theory understands power in a variety of ways (militarily, economically, and diplomatically) but ultimately emphasizes the distribution of coercive material capacity as the determinant of international politics. In such an anarchic system, State power is the key indeed, the only variable of interest; because only through power can States defend themselves and hope to survive. Furthermore, neorealists have noted that seeking hegemony may bring a State into dangerous conflicts with its peers.

Instead, defensive Realists emphasize the stability of balance of power systems, where a roughly equal distribution of power amongst States ensures that none will risk attacking another. 'Polarity' the distribution of power amongst the Great Power is thus a key concept in Realist theory.

### IV. CRITICS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE NEO-REALISM THEORY

Waltz neorealist theory of international relations has limitations and raises questions. His theory of state being security seekers without being power maximizer sounds unrealistic. It is not possible that states be security seeking without being power maximiser. It is a shared belief that states that seek security will be reluctant to maximize their power for their own survival. Another argument that is unrealistic is Waltz belief that the state can guarantee its own security and actually not know the true intentions and capabilities of another state.

Waltz also believes that states can only have perceptions of another states intentions and capabilities. It is arguable that state cannot be security seeking and not be a power maximizer. The neo-realism theory of international relations as conceptualized by Waltz can be used to analyze the Israeli-Palestinians conflicts. Before any attempt to apply this theory to the Israeli-Palestinians conflict it, it is important to situate this conflict in the context and revisit the background history of the Israeli-Palestinians conflicts.

### V. THE NEO-REALIST AND THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

The neorealist theory can be used to analyze the Israeli-Palestinians conflicts as this conflict pertains to the international relations. The neorealist core theory affirms that all states are security seeking. The neorealist is about the security of states, not individuals. States will do everything in their power to protect their own security. The core of the conflicts between the Israelis and the Palestinians is fundamentally the dispute over security versus land. The solution over the conflict can only come through an agreement that allow both parties to exchange security for Israel to land for the Palestinians. According to the neorealist, only states matter, not individuals. Institutions and states remain, but individual passes.

Besides the principal negotiators in the Israeli-Palestinians conflicts, there are a number of shadow negotiators that are committed to the security of both parties in conflict. Arab states such as Egypt and Iran are committed to the security of the Palestinians whereas the United States is committed to the security of the Israeli. For instance, the United States would do anything to ensure that the Israelis are protected from

the Hamas terrorist attacks or the Iranian nuclear weapon. Furthermore, the behavior of the United States in this conflict has been dictated by its willingness to ensure that the security of Israel is protected, the Palestinians recognized the right of Israel to exist as a state. One way of ensuring that is to maximize power of Israel by military cooperation and alliance.

The United States by announcing that President Obama trip in the Middle East is not to propose a new initiative in the peace talk is because President Obama is more concern about Israel security which currently passes though preventing Iran getting a nuclear weapon. In fact during his visit President Obama said in a speech in Israel that he was more concern about the Israel security and will do everything in his power to prevent Iran develop a nuclear weapon. President Obama behaviors underscore his neorealist international relations policy in the world. In fact, he is neorealist for whom all states are security seekers and only states matter, not the individuals. At the other hand, according to this theory, the Palestinians also are concerned about their own security. Palestinians believe with the two states solutions and the exchange of security for land they will guarantee the security of both parties. The Palestinians will do everything they can, including violence and acts of violence to pressure Israel to come back to the table of the negotiation for a settlement because it is important for them to have their own state which put them in security.

## VI. THE NEOREALIST THEORY: COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

According to the neorealist, a state will cooperate if state security is not placed at risk. The look in the Israeli-Palestinians conflict negotiation shed light on the nature of alliances and corporations between international organization and institution. For instance, both parties have sought cooperation of the United Nations in search of their own security.

The Palestinians has recently sought the recognition of the United Nations as a non member in order to maximize it power and pressure the Israelis to come back to the table of the negotiation. The recognition by an international institution such as the United Nations gives the Palestinians a leverage to pressure the Israeli to resume the peace talk. Nevertheless in support and commitment to the security of Israel, the United States publicly opposed the Palestinians move on seeking the recognition while other countries mainly if the Middle East supported the Palestinians.

Both parties seek support of international organizations and states to side with them for their security. Both parties as security seeking states are concerned about the relative gains made by other states through military and economic cooperation. For

instance, the Israeli will consider the United as a friend but Hamas or the Iranians as enemies. This situation can be seen in the Israeli-Palestinians peace process over the years. While the United States government may have had cordial relations with the Israeli, the future direction of the Israeli-Palestinians peace process remains in question, as does its relations with the United States. Coming to a peaceful agreement or settlement of two states will contribute to the security and peace of both Israeli and Palestinians and the security and peace of the Middle East region as well.

## VII. CONSTRUCTIVISM THEORY

Social constructivism is another theory that will be used to analyze the Israeli-Palestinians conflict. Constructivism is often view as the basic theories of international relations. The core idea of the Constructionist theory lies on the affirmation that most or even all important elements of international politics are the product of specific social circumstances and historical processes (Bukika, 2010). The concept of constructionism was first employed by Nicholas Onufin the international study; however, Alexander Wendt (*Social Theory of International Politics*) is the best-known constructivist scholar, emerging during the 1990s as a direct challenge to the ascendancy of Kenneth Waltz's neorealist during the 1980s (Bukika, 2010).

Alexander Wendt, John Ruggie, and Martha Finnemore are among the pioneers of constructionist theory. According to constructivism human relations are guided more by ideas than by material things. This affirmation is an opposing view to Waltz neorealist who has argues that state behavior was determined by the international system in which states existed and operated. Instead, constructivists note that someone (or rather, many people) must have constructed that system in the first place; in fact, that system is continually being built, modified, and rebuilt as we speak (Bukika, 2010).

Constructivists search for how states perceive of themselves and their actions have changed. Unlike the neorealist, the constructionist believes that international system does not exist or that smaller states, in particular, but instead they argue that international society is what human beings make it to be (Bukika, 2010). As a post-modern theory of international relations, constructionist has emerged as a challenger to the continuing domination of neorealist and neo-liberalist institutionalism (Hoft, 1998).

Other major constructivist scholars include John Ruggie and Martha Finnemore (Bukika, 2010).In the international relations realm, constructionist is an international relations theory who has rationalism as a counterpart. Constructionist argues that power, trade relations, international institutions, or domestic preferences are important because they have certain social meanings constructed from a complex and

specific mix of history, ideas, norms, and beliefs which scholars must understand if they are to explain State behavior (Wendt 2000). Constructionist emphasizes on social context in which international relations occur, which leads to emphasis on issues of identity and belief. Moreover, the perception of friends and enemies, in groups and out groups, fairness and justice all become the key determinant of a state behavior.

Constructivism is also attentive to the role of social norms in international politics. Following March and Olsen constructivists distinguish between logic of consequences where actions are rationally chosen to maximize the interests of a State and logic of appropriateness where rationality is heavily mediated by social norms (Wendt, 2000). In other words, according to this theory, the variable of interests such as a military power, trade relations, international institutions or domestic preferences are important not because they are objective facts but rather because they convey a social meaning; which is constructed by history, ideas, norms, and beliefs which scholars must understand if they are to explain state behavior (Wendt, 2000).

From the constructionist point of view, the Israeli-Palestinian dispute can be understood primarily as a conflict of social identity and religious belief constructed from a complex and specific mix of history ideas, norms, and beliefs. Each side reclaiming strongly that the land in dispute has been somehow handed over by a God according to a made promise made and that the other (side) do not have the right to own a piece of it nor to exist.

A close look in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict shows how social identity and religious affiliations play on how secondary parties align themselves with the primary parties; the Israeli with the Egyptians and the Iranians at one hand; the Israeli with the Americans in the other. Parties are bound and formed according to the religious identity and the beliefs of the parties. It is important to reflect on how according to the constructionist theory social identity and religious belief of both side have been formed throughout history.

According to constructionist theory, It is fundamentally the constructed social identity and religious beliefs of each side that should be considered as drivers of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. These two constructs determine or dictate the social context in which international relations occur and mold the perception of friends and enemies, in-groups and out-groups, fairness and justice between states involved in the conflict. Based on the socially constructed Identity and belief, the Israelis would perceive the Americans as friends and the Iranians as enemies whereas the Palestinians would perceive the Iranians as friends and the United States as enemies.

## VIII. CRITICS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTIONIST THEORY

Constructionist has often being criticized of obfuscation and incoherence, ignoring the reality on the ground in favor of increasingly cluttered academic theorizing. In addition, its actual alternative conception lacks ethical consideration or moral validity of actual alternative conceptions of international systems (Bukika, 2010). Although constructivism affirms that present social structures are socially constructed; it does not suggest what social constructions are preferable to others, nor does it suggest, except in vague terms, how one might consciously alter the continuing evolution of state identity and interest in the international system (Bukika, 2010).

## IX. RELATIVE DEPRIVATION

This study will employ relative deprivation as third theory in the analysis of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Relative deprivation is a contemporary conflict theory rooted in the Marxian perspective. This theory was first coined by Sam Stouffer and his associates in their wartime study *The American Soldier* (1949). It is W G Runciman who in 1996 rigorously formulated relative deprivation as social theory. In the 1980s, relative deprivation was employed in criminology by theorists such as S Stack, John Braithwaite and particularly the left realists for whom it is a key concept.

Relative deprivation (Cliffsnotes.com) refers to the negative perception that differences exist between wants and actualities. In other words, people may not actually be deprived when they believe they are. A relatively deprived group is disgruntled because they feel less entitled or privileged than a particular reference group. For example, in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Palestinians may feel relatively deprived when they compare their political, economic and social situation to that of their counterpart Israelis.

The analysis of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through relative deprivation theory pin points this dispute as a social discontent that has been translated into social movement. The Palestinians feel that they deserve, or have a right to the same land, opportunity, power and status than the Israelis. They have become the dissatisfied group and have concluded conclude that they cannot attain their goals via conventional methods, whether or not this is the case. That is why the Palestinians have organize themselves into a social movement such as Hamas and seek the help of others like the Hezbollah, Muslim brotherhood, the Iranians because they feel that collective action will help their pursuit of reclaiming the right to a land and a state.

The relative-deprivation theory takes criticism from a couple of different angles. From the sociologists stand point, feelings of deprivation do not necessarily

prompt people into action. Nor must people feel deprived before acting. A second critic stresses that relative deprivation has not been able to address why perceptions of personal or group deprivation cause some people to reform society, and why other perceptions do not (Cliffsnotes.com).

The rise of crime in most of the industrial societies has attracted theories, and was used as an explanatory variable in the post-war period. According to Burr, relative deprivation occurs where individuals or groups subjectively perceive themselves as unfairly disadvantaged over others perceived as having similar attributes and deserving similar rewards (their reference groups). This theory contrasts with absolute deprivation, where biological health is impaired or where relative levels of wealth are compared based on objective differences. The theory of relative deprivation is more concern with subjective experiences of deprivation. It argues that deprivation is more likely when the differences between two groups' narrows so that comparisons can be easily made than where there are caste-like differences.

The theory of relative deprivation can be used to explain the disputes between the Israelis and Palestinians over land upon which they dare to build their own state different of that of the Israeli. The Palestinians perceive themselves as entitled to the land in dispute and thinks that they have the same rights as the Israelis. They also feel that they have been disadvantaged and prevented what they are entitled to compare to their counterpart, the Israeli. Furthermore, based on the relative deprivation theory, this conflict can be perceived as a dispute between two groups of which one (the Palestinians) subjectively perceive themselves as unfairly disadvantaged over others (the Israelis ). The Palestinians perceive themselves as having similar attributes and deserving similar rewards than the Israelis.

The usual distinction made is that religious fervor or demand for political change is a collective response to relative deprivation whereas crime is an individualistic response. The connection is, therefore, largely under-theorized - a reflection of the separate development of the concept within the seemingly discrete disciplines of sociology of religion, political sociology and criminology(Cliffsnotes.com).

## X. RESEARCH METHOD

In order to research the Israeli-Palestinian conflicts as stated above, the phenomenological research method will be used. Using the phenomenological method of inquiry I will research the lived experience of the Israeli and Palestinians who are survival of the conflicts and who live in Israel and Palestine. This study will employ qualitative method of inquiry involving phenomenological research. The

phenomenological method will locate the essence of the lived experience of the Palestinians and will describe the meaning of that experience. The expectation will be to create a discourse that would lead to empathize with the participants in the research. This discourse will be essentially about making sense of the Palestinians lived experience of "insecurity" and of being "Stateless" or "Homeless". In other words, what it means for the Palestinians to live without their own land/ state? Or, what it means for the Palestinians to live in a conflict without knowing that there is a peace prospect initiative that might lead to a settlement? It is impossible to be a human being, and not empathize with the survival participants. The question asked during the research would lead participants to express their feelings.

## XI. UNDERSTANDING OF THE PHENOMENOLOGICAL METHOD OF INQUIRY

There are three elements that define phenomenological method of inquiry that the research will have to consider when conducting this research method. The first is the social study of the lived experience of a person. In employing phenomenological method of inquiry, the phenomenological researcher has to recognize that the researcher is engaging the Palestinians to relive their experience of being stateless and homeless which becomes a conscious process. The second element is the conscious experience. It is critical to recognize that in answering the researcher's questions, the Palestinians, participants in the research are re-living this experience. The researcher must be careful to recognize that it is a conscious process because the researcher has to take into consideration the fact that he is putting the participant back in time and therefore the researcher should be careful in doing so. This can draw dangerous emotion. The third element is the development of interpretation of the essence of the experience. The researcher needs to recognize that there is an experience, and that experience has many interpretations. The example of the Palestinians re-living their experience of insecurity, living in a land without owning it or the experience of losing of social identity for the first time can underscore the development of interpretation. The more research has people, and because of the spectrum the population, the researcher will have a lot of interpretation for this case.

## XII. BACK GROUND OF THE PHENOMENOLOGICAL METHOD OF INQUIRY

*The Encyclopedia of Phenomenology*(2008) shows, that Husserl's work was followed by a variety of traditional phenomenological writings. The found articles indicate some seven types of phenomenology. (Kluwer

Academic Publishers, 1997). The diversity of traditional phenomenology found in separate First the transcendental constitutive phenomenology which studies how objects are constituted in pure or transcendental consciousness, setting aside questions of any relation to the natural world around us. Second the naturalistic constitutive phenomenology; which studies how consciousness constitutes or takes things in the world of nature, assuming with the natural attitude that consciousness is part of nature. Third the existential phenomenology; which studies concrete human existence such as the experience of free choice or action in concrete situations. Fourth, the generative historicist phenomenology; which studies how meaning, as it is found in our experience, is generated in historical processes of collective experience over time (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2008). Fifth, Genetic phenomenology studies the genesis of meanings of things within one's own stream of experience. Sixth the hermeneutical phenomenology studies interpretive structures of experience, how we understand and engage things around us in our human world, including ourselves and others. Seventh the Realistic phenomenology studies the structure of consciousness and intentionality, assuming it occurs in a real world that is largely external to consciousness and not somehow brought into being by consciousness (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2008).

Although there is diversity of phenomenological method of inquiry, researchers agree on some basic guidelines. They have indicate that the approach to a phenomenological method design should be flexible and adapted to suit the phenomena under investigation (Crotty, 1996; Crotty, 1998; Giorgi, 1994; Giorgi, 1997; Pollio, Henley & Thompson, 1997; Valle, 1998; Valle & King, 1978; VanManen, 1990).

This study will concentrate on hermeneutical phenomenology and transcendental constitutive phenomenology as types of phenomenological inquiry to explicate the phenomenon under investigation (Holroyd, 2001). For the purpose of this study, hermeneutical phenomenology will focus on locating the lived experience of the Palestinians. Moreover, hermeneutical phenomenology is a revisiting of a phenomenal; it is a perpetual self reflective process. In giving an account of what has happened, the researcher is not giving the account of the event looking into the participant life; an event of the participant past in reinterpreting this account of what happened in the past (Holroyd, 2001). For instance, with hermeneutic phenomenology, the researcher revisits the account of the Palestinians story; the researcher will look at the event in a new eye. When conducting hermeneutic research in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the following question may be asked: what was it in your experience of being stateless or landless that has changed your life? There is the significance of the event,

the interpretation of the same phenomena. With the question, what is that something has changed, the researcher will look the significance and the interpretation of the significance of that event. It is the reinterpretation of the phenomenon which is in this case of the experience of the Palestinians living in a land that they cannot own.

This study will use the transcendental constitutive phenomenology because it will explicate the essence of the lived experience of the Palestinians in a way that this very experience is constituted in pure or transcendental consciousness. With transcendental constitutive phenomenology, everything is perceived as it was a novel. The researcher is required to remove his bias and hear the account as if it was a novel, the first time. The objective is to have a discriminating account of the event. The focus shifts from researcher interpretation to participant description of their lived experience. The participants describe the situation and the researcher validates, and does not attempt to interpret what the participant is saying, rather the researcher just documents the description of the event and validates it.

### XIII. OUTLINES OF PHENOMENOLOGICAL METHOD OF INQUIRY

Phenomenological research attempts to locate the meaning structures developed through the experience of the participants in the study. The following model will be employed in this study as an adaption of Schweitzer (1998) from Giorgi (1997) and will summarize the methodological approach to be used.

#### *Stage 1: Holistic Understanding of the Data*

This stage requires reading data, repeatedly if necessary, in order to achieve a holistic and intuitive understanding of the phenomena under investigation. In this stage, the researcher needs to bracket all preconceptions and judgments (Holroyd, 2001). This process helps the researcher contextualize his bias and be objective. For instance, in conducting a research related to the Palestinians experience of the conflict or being stateless, if the researcher is an Arab, he may have a bias. From the beginning, bracketing would help the research to contextualize the researcher's bias. He or she may say I'm an Arab, I'm giving a recount of this event, and I'm trying to be objective, but to let you know I'm a Arab and because of this it may influence my interpretation and the reader would read with the researcher bracket. He has to let the readers know that because of personal experience, research could potentially be influenced by the researcher experience and the reader would read with the researcher bracket and check his/her objectivity.

#### *Stage 2: Forming a Constituent Profile*

This stage will summarize the raw data from each participant in the research.

#### a) *Natural Meaning Units (NMUs)*

NMUs are self-definable, discrete segments of expression of individual aspects of the lived experience of the participants in the research.

#### b) *Central Themes*

Central Themes reduce the NMUs to recognizable sentences conveying a discrete expression of experience.

#### c) *Constituent Profile*

The reconstitution of Central Themes that provides a non-repetitive list of descriptive meaning-statements for each participant is termed the Constituent Profile.

#### *Stage 3: Forming a Thematic Index*

Constituent Profiles from each participant will be used as a basis to construct a Thematic Index, which will highlight major themes that will emerge.

#### a) *Delineating Constituent Profiles*

As with Central Themes, Constituent Profiles will be reconstituted to remove any repeated or non-relevant statements.

#### b) *Extracting Referents*

Referents will be defined as specific words that highlight the meaning of the experience being researched.

Constituent Profiles will be searched for Referents, which will be extracted and listed separately.

#### c) *Thematic Index*

The Thematic Index to be used in this research will establish a non-repetitive, sequenced list of meaning statements and Referents will be used to search for interpretive themes. The Thematic Index contains the Constituent Profiles, statements attributed to singular meanings of experience. During this step the data will be examined collectively.

#### *Stage 4: Searching the Thematic Index*

This step will enable the comparison of Referents, Central Themes and Constituent Profiles to form a set of Interpretive Themes. It is crucial to note that the focus is on the explication of data that reports the meaning of the lived experience of the participants in the study.

#### *Stage 5: Arriving at an Extended Description*

Interpretive Themes will be used to rigorously locate the meaning attributed to the lived experience of the participants in the research.

#### *Stage 6: Synthesis of Extended Descriptions*

This step will summarize the Interpretive Themes to produce an in-depth picture of the participants' lived experience (Sherwood & Silver, 1999, pp. 10-13).

#### *Sampling Population*

There will be four male participants in this research, aged between 40 and 50. Two of the

participants would be members of the Fatah party will be member of the Hamas group. Two of the participants have been involved in the road map peace plan in 2003; and the two others did not and have no intention of participating in the near future. The four participants in the research will be interviewed individually after president Obama's visit in the Middle East. The aim of this study is not to generalize findings to a population but rather to obtain insights into a phenomenon, individuals, or events; therefore, this study will purposely select individuals, groups that increase understanding of phenomena (Onwuegbuzie & al., 2007). The choice of sample size is very important consideration because it determines the extent to which the researcher will make generalizations. The selected sample size of four participants will enable the researcher to extract thick, rich data (Onwuegbuzie & al., 2007).

#### *Data Collection and Analysis*

Data will be collected through interviews, questionnaires and journaling. Participants in the research may be asked to fill out a questionnaire. Participants will be interviewed regarding their experience of 'being-"stateless" and "homeless" or their experience of living in a land they do not own. These interviews will be audio taped. The interviews will be conducted separately, and will be unstructured and will proceed with the research question. Individual subjects who will participate in the study will sign an informed consent. A telephone number for the researcher will be provided in case additional information is desired by the participants. The informed consent will clearly state that participation in the study is strictly voluntary and that participants could withdraw at any time during the process.

In analyzing data, the researcher will first use horizontalization, which will allow the understanding of participants' experience. The researcher will also use cluster of meaning. This technique will enable the researcher to separate textual response to structural response. In separating, the researcher will create themes in the experience of the participants. Second, the researcher will also use textual and structural descriptions. Both textual and structural description are schematized to give me a better understanding of the phenomenon, based on these responses the researcher is going to unify the structural and the textural account for better understanding of the phenomenon. Third, the researcher will use presentation of the Invariant Structure; a combination of unified textural and structural descriptions (Campbell, 2011). In unifying all the variation in textual and structural, it becomes an understanding of the phenomenon. That all the research is about, to find a unify theme for the research. It gives a more precise account of the experience; it allows a new load of an inquiry, and shows what it describes and what it does not describes. It is important to recognize that the most important thing is not to force a research

model onto the researcher interest but what it is that the researcher finds interesting; the story he or she wants to tell and present to the readers (Campbell, 2011).

#### *Research question*

*What is the experience of being stateless or homeless?* This question will facilitate a free dialogic flow between research and the participants, which allowed other open-ended questions to be asked during the interview based on the emergent data. The point of this research will be to locate the (cognitive) essence of the phenomenological experience of living in a land the participant do not own. In addition, this research also will locate the emotional, visual lived experience of the participants.

There will be two types of questions, a general question and an interview question which should reinforce the research question. For instance recount about how it feels when President Obama declare that he is not coming to resume a new initiative for the peace process between the Israeli and the Palestinians? When asking these questions, the researcher will always empathize with the participants.

The first question: What is the participant experience in term of the phenomenon? The researcher will be asking participants about their experience. The participants will reflect back and give the researcher an account of their experience. For instance, a participant tells the researcher an account of this experience. It is in this point that the researcher can decide to select either a hermeneutic description and interpret the experience and convey the interpretation back to the participant and the researcher would validate or invalidate. The researcher will always make sense of the experience. The second question would be a causal question, how it feels to be found in this situation. The researcher will want to have a causal relationship between the participants and what led to the event. There may be a textual question, how in analyzing the experience the researcher finds him self or herself?

Questions should draw in common themes. It should pertain either from the experience. The more the themes of the question relate to the phenomena, the response to the question should point back to the greater understanding of the phenomena. The whole point is to engage the participants to have a better understanding of the phenomenon. Question should also urge participants to identify the effect the phenomenon has in their life. How these experiences affect their lives? The entire question should pertain to the understanding of the phenomenon.

#### **XIV. NEGOTIATION AS PRACTICE APPLICATION TO THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIANS CONFLICT**

There are many practice applications and approaches that can address the Israeli-Palestinians conflict. Nevertheless, based on the analysis of this

conflict identified as international conflict, negotiation has been chosen as the best practice application that can address the Israeli-Palestinians. As the Israeli-Palestinians conflict pertains to the international type of conflict, negotiation practice can help the parties reach a settlement or agreement (Lewicki, 2011; Brodow, 2006). In addition, similar forms of negotiation have been used in similar international conflict situations and have produced good results.

There are several negotiation approaches that are employed in the field of negotiation. This study will employ integrative negotiation (win-win approach) as practice application to resolve the Israeli-Palestinians because integrative negotiation involves looking for resolutions that allow both sides to gain. Integrative negotiation allows negotiators to work together towards finding solution to their differences that result in both sides being satisfied (Lewicki, 2011).

The integrative approach to negotiation can be of great benefit in resolving any differences that arise between people or parties in an international basis. Unlike the distributive negotiation model, the integrative approach is known as power with, collaborative and win-win (Lewicki, 2011). It creates a free flow of information in order to understand the other negotiator's real needs and objectives. Fourth, it emphasizes the commonalties between the parties and minimizes the differences. It searches for solutions that meet the goals and objectives of both sides. There are key points for a successful integrative negotiation outcome. They include a focus on maintaining the relationship - 'separate the people from the problem' focus on interests not positions, generate a variety of options that offer gains to both parties before deciding what to do, aim for the result to be based on an objective standard (Lewicki, 2011). In addition, there are also factors that facilitate successful integrative negotiation. Such factors are common objective or goal, faith in one's own problem-solving ability; beliefs in the validity of one's own position and the other's perspective, the motivation and commitment to work together, trust, clear and accurate communication, an understanding of the dynamics of integrative negotiation (Lewicki 2011). During the negotiation, the Israeli and the Palestinians as primary negotiators may use secondary negotiators or shadow negotiators such as the United States and Egypt. The United States and Egypt may also be used as third parties in the negotiation. The aims of these negotiations will be to resume the peace process that has stalled and possible negotiate an agreement on the exchange security for the Israeli in exchange for Peace for the Palestinians which is a win-win solution. The two states solution if settled will provide security not only for the two states of Israeli and Palestine but also the entire Middle East and the whole world.

Because conflict escalation impedes communication and lead to attribution error,



understanding perception, cognition and emotion are critical for a successful negotiation. Humans are both cognitive and emotional animals and emotions affect other faculties especially in conflict. Negotiator should also pay attention to the factors that may influence the perception of each other. These factors are Pre-disposition [the baggage we bring]. Many perceptual errors, stereotyping – group attribution, halo effect – extrapolation from one factor, selective perception (and memory), projection (of self image, thoughts etc, verbal and non-verbal), attribution and attribution error (Lewicki, 2011; Brodow, 2006).

Negotiation as application practice through the interactions of the parties will help change the perception that each party hold. This important process of the negotiation is framing; which is a thought organization of perceptions into the meaning, and action because same incident can be understood differently by different people (Lewicki, 2011). Framing can also be defined as a human formulation. It can change the process of negotiation.

## XV. STAGE OF INTEGRATIVE NEGOTIATION

In the context of this international conflict, it will be critical to follow a structured approach to integrative negotiation stages in order to achieve a desirable outcome. For instance, in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict situation a pre-meeting may need to be arranged in which the primary negotiators such as the Israeli and the Palestinians and the secondary negotiators such as the Egyptians and the United States and third parties such as the French and the English) involved can come together. The process of negotiation will include the following steps:

- a) Preparation
- b) Discussion
- c) Clarification of goals
- d) Negotiation towards a WIN-WIN situation
- e) Agreement
- f) Implementation of a course of action

### a) Preparation

Negotiators need a good and serious preparation before entering the negotiation. A decision needs to be taken as to when and where a meeting will take place to discuss the problem and who will attend (Skills You Need, 2012). A limited timescale will be set in order to prevent a continuing disagreement. In this stage, a third party such as the French or the English involve in the negotiation may ensure that pertinent facts of the situation are known in order to clarify the parties' position. In the Israeli-Palestinians conflict situation case for instance, this would include knowing the "culture" of the Middle East which may have "rules", or "laws" to which you can refer in preparation for the negotiation (Skills You Need, 2012).

### b) Discussion

At this stage, the Palestinians and the Israeli will make their case as they see it. They will discuss their perception of the conflicts. At this stage, the French and the English as third parties will use questioning, listening and clarifying. The neutral third party may take note forward in case there is a need for further clarification. It is critical to listen, as when disagreement takes place it is easy to make the mistake of saying too much and listening too little. The third parties will ensure that each side be given an equal opportunity to present their side of the story.

### c) Clarifying Goals

This is an important step during the negotiation process. The third parties such as the French and the English will ensure that from the discussion, the goals, interests and viewpoints of both the Israeli and the Palestinians of the disagreement need to be clarified. It will be important to remember list these in order of priority. At this stage, one thing to work on is to identify or establish common grounds.

### d) A WIN-WIN Solution

The integrative approach will focus on the win-win outcome through which the Israeli and the Palestinians will reach an agreement of two states solution. Both parties will ensure that the security of Israeli is guaranteed, and the Palestinians have the rights to own a land upon which they will build the State of Palestine. Through a win-win solution, both parties should feel they have gained something positive and also that their point of view has been considered.

The win-win solution will be the best solution when dealing with this international conflict type. This will be an ultimate goal that needs to be a pursuit. A win-win solution will be the best outcome of the negotiation (Skills You Need, 2012). However it may not always be possible but through negotiation it should be the ultimate goal. In addition, suggestions of alternative strategies and compromises may also be considered at this stage.

### e) Agreement

The third party will ensure that understanding of both parties' points of view and interests are considered before reaching any agreement. It will be therefore critical, for parties and the third party as well to keep an open mind in order to achieve a solution. Whenever an agreement is about to be achieved it will also be important to be transparent, and understand what has been decided.

### f) Implementing a Course of Action

After the agreement, a course of action has to be implemented, and carry through the decision.

### Failure to Agree

If the process of negotiation breaks down and agreement cannot be reached, it will be necessary to

call for a further meeting. This provision has the benefit of preventing the parties becoming embroiled in a heated discussion or argument, which not only wastes valuable time but can also damage future working relationships. At the subsequent meeting, the stages of negotiation should be repeated. Any new ideas or interests should be taken into account, and the situation looked at fresh (SkillsYouNeed, 2012). At this stage, it may also be helpful to look at other alternative solutions, and bring in another person to mediate.

## XVI. CONCLUSION

This study discussed the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as a type of an international conflict. This paper employed three international relations theories to analyze the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The three theories used were the neorealist, constructionist and relative deprivation. This study discussed the conceptual frame of each theory, its major thinkers, as well as its strengths and weaknesses.

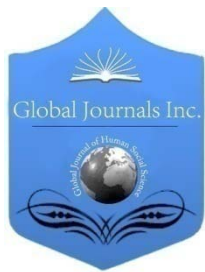
This study employed phenomenological method to research the Israeli-Palestinian conflict because phenomenology is a valuable qualitative approach to studying human experience. This study argued that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is considered to be one of the drivers of the security threat and the rise of terrorism in the Middle East and the world. This research stressed that the study of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is important because it shed light on the differing views on security, cultural identity and religious beliefs of the parties.

This study will employ integrative negotiation also known as win-win negotiation as practice application that best addresses the Israeli-Palestinians conflict. The following key words of pertained to this study: neorealist theory, social constructionist theory, relative deprivation, phenomenological research, international relations, integrative negotiation, win-win negotiation.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Drawing as a universal language for self-expression is an important tool for conveying otherwise concealed meanings of intentions to the general public. Learning to think creatively is important in drawing but learning the fundamentals of drawing is the most important skill to be acquired (Blavatt, 1993). "Drawing is a language from which other languages and visual communication have developed" (Douet, 2000:6); drawings composed as illustrations in children's books for example, can summarize very long text. Drawings in books, magazines, and other printed materials educate, communicate, enlighten as well as provide information to readers, and to instill a sense of identity, belongingness and patriotism amongst them.

Essentially, drawing refers to the skill of making pictures or designs with a drawing tool such as pen or pencil. It is a formal artistic creation which serves as a means of visualizing ideas, a production of a successful planning as well as an interactive tool between draftsmen and their environment (Encyclopedia

Britannica, 2007). Drawing is also described as a picture drawn by hand and printed in books or magazines or the use of lines to represent forms on a surface to create images. The debate on what constitutes drawing includes the idea that drawing is the root of all visual arts (Bommer, 1999) and drawing as the basis for furthering all other works of art, and hence the foundation for all works of art, as well as a finished art work (Mitter & Howze, 2007).

Bommer's (1999) explanation emphasizes the idea that visual art started with drawing of outlines to form preliminary sketches before other works of art were executed whereas Mitter and Howze (2007) consider drawing as the basis for furthering other works of art. The latter explains that when drawing reached its peak between 1525 and 1600 BC, it was mandatory for artists under training in the Bologna schools to first draw before they could proceed to paint, etch, sculpt or undertake any other form of art. In this regard, Merritt as cited in Douet, (2000) describes her drawings as never done when the first preliminary sketches she considers "discoveries" are not executed.

The New Encyclopedia Britannica (2003) and Microsoft Encarta (2007) agree that drawing is the foundation for all works of art and at the same time a finished art work, implying the dual purpose of drawing as a starting point for all visual arts while also constituting complete works of art. As preparation for other practices and an end in its own way, the World Book Encyclopedia (2001) views drawing as a means of advancing other art works and simultaneously constituting complete works of art. Although artists rely on drawing to pursue other types of art, drawings are autonomous works of art (Wilson, Hurwitz & Wilson, 1999). Drawing may be termed complete works if the principles of accuracy, detailing and precision are adhered to or as preliminary works for furthering other arts depending on the intentions of the artist (Douet, 2000).

### a) Functions of Drawing

The principal understanding of drawing as a way of recording what artists see about themselves and their environment is widely held. Drawings serve many natural purposes such as teaching aids to intercede between the conceptions of "apprentices" or "students"

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and a master's finished works (Wilson et al., 1999), hence a tool for education. Drawing is also meant to achieve an imitation of existing references in nature, to track down the illusion of visual experience of the material world, and communication of multifaceted intellectual and spiritual significance (Miller, 2008). Drawing is not only the foundation for all painting but the sketches seen in artists' sketchpads are personal shorthand notes or recordings of their preoccupations with the world about them (Encyclopedia and Irish World Art, 2008).

#### b) *Drawing Techniques*

Drawing techniques include an awareness of the proportions of objects in relation to each other, and the shape of the 'negative space'. Full use should be made of the area of support being worked on. Liveliness, depth, and interest can be created with the use of a range of contour lines, both in width and density; as different grades of pencil give a variety of lines. Unless making a contour drawing, the use of shading techniques such as hatching, will add form and texture. To give instant depth to the drawing, the darkest tones visible should be blocked in first. The tones should then be built up, and finally the extreme highlights added to bring the drawing to life (The Free Dictionary, 2007).

Kimon (2001) describes drawing techniques in terms of blind contour, gesture, grisaille, mass, and scribble drawing. Other techniques drawing students can learn to use include outline drawing, outline to suggest light and shade, value drawing, and negative drawing. The use of outline drawing to suggest light and shade is regarded as a technique Vincent van Gogh used to suggest lines as the basis for drawing. In this sense, Mitter and Howze (2007) have cited Van Gogh for adopting contrasting lines to balance light and dark values to produce unified and appealing drawings that showed a wide variety of textures, defined spaces and identified shapes. Drawing Coach (2010) however, encourages artists to use what works best for them, with none thinking that there is something wrong with a chosen method. The choice of one technique over another depends on what is being drawn and how the artist wants the rendition.

#### c) *Observation in Drawing*

Observation is essential in drawing as it trains the draftsman's eyes to look critically at details in order to produce something that is honest for the viewer (Encarta World English Dictionary, 2002). Observation involves the principle of painstakingly paying attention and critically scrutinizing an object, event or phenomenon in order to record what is happening correctly. This enables the artist to capture the size, shape, colour, lines and texture of the objects in total precision in order to reproduce them accurately in realistic and abstract drawings (Murphy, 2007). When

drawing, the function of a draftsman's eyes is more critical than what the hand does on paper with the drawing tool (Drawing Coach, 2008). Observation in drawing involves the use of all the senses: hearing records sounds and rhythms or arrangement of pattern on objects; smell records strong or mild scent, good or bad odour of objects; tasting enables recording of bitter or sweet sensation if the object is edible or perceptions of bitterness or sweetness.

While the hand touches the object to feel texture as smoothness or roughness, hotness or coldness, hardness or softness, the sense of kinesthesia perceives and registers heaviness or lightness of objects. Studying objects in totality helps to understand objects before and during drawing. For this reason, any course in drawing must train students' eyes to observe in much detail to enable them produce drawings that are honest representations of what they see. They should also be taught how to observe intensely and what should be observed.

#### d) *Beginning to Drawing*

With regards to rendition of drawing, Mitter and Howze (2007) and Ruskin (2009) recommend that drawing should begin by first constructing outlines of the objects or subjects to be drawn but Artists, International Dictionary of Art and Artists (1990) and South (2009) say artists must start drawing by first rendering the values or tones of objects and subjects. Beginning drawing by first creating "lines" or "outlines" as the foundation of drawing reflects the practice of late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> Century artists such as Toulouse-Lautrec, Edgar Degas and Paul Cezanne who used lines to draw before George Seurat's technique of pointillism took away line drawing (Mitter & Howze, 2007). To Ruskin (2009), beginners must begin by drawing even lines slowly and in various directions until the whole of the object or subject is achieved. Drawing Made Easy (2006) also recommends that the teacher places the object to be drawn at a convenient spot near the blackboard and points out the outline of the object for the students to begin to draw.

Drawing can also be done by first shading the different tones of objects and subjects as the Venetian Rococo style artists Jean Antoine Watteau, Paolo Veronese, Giovanni Battista Tiepolo and Francesco Guardi practised (Artists, International Dictionary of Art and Artists, 1990). South (2009) however, calls for drawing to start by executing areas of light, dark, and in-between tones rather than registering the outline of the edges of what is to be drawn. The explanation is that lines or outlines as beginning of drawings only define visible edges and fail to tell anything about light and dark. This is based on anthropological reports on cave art which posit that prehistoric man drew hard and linear lines before filling them with colour, suggesting that there is no hard and fast rule on how to begin drawing.

### e) *Teaching and Learning of Drawing*

Learning is about exploring, conceptualizing, experimenting and interacting. Effective learning therefore comes by exposing the learner to the learning situation (Kochhar, 2004). "Because acquiring drawing skills is appropriate for learning drawing, the teaching of drawing must necessarily follow a logical sequence to enable all learners learn the designed knowledge and skills for drawing effectively" (Kochhar, 2004:200). The premise is that drawing focuses on effective coordination of mind and muscle to culminate in the production of swift and meaningful patterns of movement, which has to be learned. Essentially, learning to draw depends on a gradual laid down process of teaching from the basics so that learners can slowly and consciously build on them to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to enable them draw accurately (Lee, 2000). The premise is that successful learning through a sequential progression of activities will ultimately lead to students' mastery of knowledge and skills in drawing.

## II. DATA COLLECTION

The study sought to describe how the teaching of drawing in the Publishing Studies programme in KNUST influences acquisition of requisite skills for career development in book design and illustration and the job market; and the relevant factors that influence first year undergraduate students' decision to specialize in Book Design and Illustration (BDI) and not Printing Technology and Management or Publishing Administration. The rationale was to understand why only 47 students (Year 2=11, Year 3=26, Year 4=10) were specializing in BDI which is perceived as art oriented as compared to 285 in Printing and 223 in Administration. This led to adoption of the qualitative research approach with direct observation to understand how the drawing curriculum is delivered on the programme from Year 1 - 4 for two semesters and in-depth interview of a convenience sample of 34 (representing 73%) of the 47 BDI students (13 were absent on first day of interview) to ascertain the extent to which pre-entry drawing experience and / or the teaching of drawing in Year 1 influenced their decision for career development in book design and illustration.

## III. DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

A study of the Year 1 curriculum for the Publishing Studies programme shows drawing as a core course, ostensibly to bridge the knowledge and skills gap between students who enter the programme with and without prior learning of drawing and also ensure equitable distribution of students on its three specialised career paths in the publishing industry: Printing Technology and Management (PTM), Publishing Administration (PA) Book Design and Illustration (BDI).

Courses BI 151 and BI 152 Drawing are studied over two semesters. Course BI 151 Drawing is taught in the first semester whereas BI 152 Drawing is taught as a follow up course in the second semester. These two-credit hour courses were designed to provide adequate knowledge and skills in Book Design and Illustration for career development. Only students who specialize in BDI from Year 2 continue with studies in drawing up to Year 4.

As James (2006) posits, prior knowledge is a significant factor that influences student academic achievement and a powerful determinant of learners' capacity to learn new material. As regards the department's policy of no restrictions in entry qualifications, the study revealed that eight (representing 23%) of the 34 respondents who had no previous learning of drawing but were specializing in BDI as a result of interest and passion the teaching of drawing in Year 1 had instilled in them; sixteen (or 47%) had learned to draw on the Senior High School (SHS) Visual Arts programme; whereas eight had only learned to draw on the programme. Others had acquired the skill through self-tuition which they found adequate for the Year 1 course.

The interviews revealed that nineteen (or 56%) of the 34 BDI students had prior knowledge in drawing up to High School while fifteen (or 44%) of them had no formal training in drawing. This justifies the institutionalization of BI 151/152 Drawing in Year One to provide equal opportunity for all the students to access Publishing Studies programme. The different levels of drawing skills reportedly acquired by the respondents attest to the knowledge and skills deficiency the students had brought to the course. Thus, the teaching of drawing should focus on development of fundamental knowledge and skills in drawing which includes familiarity with the tools, materials and techniques for drawing. Adopting a step-by-step methodology that builds on the level of drawing required to satisfy the Basic Design and Technology (BDT) curriculum for Junior High Schools will make it easy for the 'less able to draw' students to understand drawing and learn the technicalities in the Year 1 drawing course.

There is however, the challenge of differentiating learning activities and assignments to encourage the 'more able to draw' students to extend their learning and not waste time while the lecturers attend to their 'artistically less able' peers. Bridging the gap between the 'less able' and the 'adequately able' may not be as tough as bringing the 'drawing disabled' students up to attain the standard of drawing required to access BDI if they are interested in it. The question that needs asking is: 'what scope of content and studio assignments can adequately address this knowledge and skills gap to enable quality learning and professional capacity building in higher education?' This is an area of further research interest.

In assessing the extent to which the students' pre-entry education had prepared them for higher education in publishing studies which has no corresponding programme in Ghana's senior high schools, it was realized that nineteen (56%) of the 34 students interviewed had studied art at both Senior High School (JHS) and Senior high School (SHS) and were taught to draw. Of this number, nine (or 27%) reported having been taught from the basics in a logical and sequential order that enabled them to acquire a high standard of manual drawing skill which had adequately prepared them for higher education in programmes that demand drawing; opting for specialization in BDI was therefore appropriate. On the contrary, the other ten (or 29%) reported studying art in JHS and SHS without emphasizing on acquisition of drawing at either level and had thus not been adequately prepared for specialized studies in BDI which demands high level drawing skills.

Although seven (or 21%) of the 34 students reported they had learned to draw through self-tutelage which enabled them to pass their exams and gain entry into higher education, evidence from the interview revealed they had not acquired enough knowledge from the sources they used; they also had no idea what the different techniques of drawing were and therefore rated themselves ill-prepared for studies that demand drawing, including BDI. Interestingly, eight (or 24%) of the 34 students had never learned to draw; their motivation for specializing in BDI stemmed essentially from the interest and passion for drawing they had developed from the Year 1 drawing course. This suggests the need to encourage effective teaching of drawing within the pre-university Visual Arts programme to generate sufficient interest in drawing and thereby encourage more students with the relevant skills to opt for tertiary education in publishing studies and specialize in book design and illustration to sustain the book sector of the publishing industry. Although skewing admission to favour applicants with good passes in Visual Arts could improve intake into BDI with more 'drawing able' students and promote career development in book design and illustration, this could also deny the 'less able but willing to learn' applicants the opportunity to develop their creative potentials through BDI.

#### a) *Specializations in BDI*

The study found that the Book Design and Illustration (BDI) consists of Book Design which involves intensive application of computer software such as Photoshop, Corel Painter, Adobe Illustrator and Corel Draw for book designing; and 2) Book Illustration which involves manual drawing of objects using assorted drawing tools and materials and requires exercises in critical observation, hand and eye coordination, drawing and shading techniques, for example, to execute a variety of drawings required for illustrating text in books

and other printed materials. Of the two components, nineteen (or 56%) of the 34 students were specializing in Book Design mainly because they had inadequate manual drawing skills unlike twelve (or 35%) who were majoring in Book Illustration by reason of their ability to draw well; the remaining three (9%) were specializing in Design but wished they had opportunity to study both aspects of BDI.

Having 56% of the 34 BDI students majoring in computer-aided book design as compared to 35% in manual drawing for book illustration implies that the teaching and learning of art in the Basic Design and Technology and Visual Arts programmes in JHS and SHS respectively are not providing enough capacity for higher education in publishing studies. The disparity between career development in book design and book illustration makes it imperative for the lecturers responsible for delivering courses BI 151 and BI 152 to adopt a back-to-the-basics, step-by-step process of teaching drawing in Year One to generate interest and encourage more Year 1 students on the Publishing Studies programme to opt for specialization in BDI to boost the publishing industry.

To Hailikari et al. (2008), it is beneficial for students to develop an integral framework from the start of their studies as good quality learning forms an important basis for future learning. Besides, it is not possible to assimilate new knowledge without having some structure developed from previous knowledge as effective learning proceeds primarily from prior knowledge and only secondarily from presented materials. Furthermore, Mednick (2006) postulates that any effort to teach from the negative must necessarily provide a path into the subject for the learner with respect to that learner's previous knowledge. Undoubtedly, students who lack prior learning in drawing will find it difficult following lessons and learn enough to explain text through appropriate illustrations that communicate effectively to facilitate understanding.

To facilitate effective acquisition of good drawing skills, Kochhar (2004) recommends teaching through graduated tasks of generally low level difficulty to complex content that is more difficult to learn. This strategy will encourage more Year 1 students to acquire the relevant skills that can help them to progress through the Book Illustration option of BDI to enable them manually execute appropriate and effective illustrations for books and other published literary materials.

When asked to rate the standard of teaching they experienced from Year 1, nineteen (or 56%) of the 34 BDI students interviewed said the experience was just adequate for them to satisfy course requirements while three (or 9%) reported high quality teaching for the purpose; six (representing 18%) said teaching had been good enough to enable them improve upon their drawing skills. Interestingly, the six remaining students

(or 17%) of the 34 students rated the standard of teaching average with the view that the drawing skills they brought to the programme had only marginally improved. The implication is that the teaching of drawing from Year 1 of the publishing studies programme should start from simple activities that can be gradually scaled up to difficult tasks to enable the students understand drawing and also improve upon their knowledge and skills towards attaining excellent draftsmanship in book development.

With regards to why the BDI students fail to attain good drawing skills, half of the students interviewed said they do not understand what is taught them in drawing; 24% saw drawing as a 'difficult to learn' subject and although they strive to do well, they get discouraged by unpleasant comments their drawing lecturers and colleague students make about their drawing abilities. It was also realized that intense competition among the 'more able' and 'less able' to draw students during classes make it difficult for many of the 'less able' students to concentrate on the teaching procedures or openly exhibit their drawings; this prevents them from grasping the essentials of drawing that facilitates effective learning in class. Considering that not all the students had previously learned to draw and had the foundation for Year 1 drawing to build on and address inequalities in knowledge and skills in drawing highlights the need for teaching to proceed in a sequential manner so that all the students can become proficient in drawing to ensure equity distribution of students on the three options of the programme.

This reflects Franzoni and Assar's (2009) call for teachers to adopt small orderly steps that are logically associated to the problem being solved and a step-by-step student-centered approach that is guided by understanding of the theory of multiple intelligences (Giles et al., 2003 as cited in Agbenatoe, 2011) and ensure that instruction is not inappropriate to the learning styles of students who are not learning (Hampton, 2009).

When the students were asked whether their level of knowledge in drawing would gain them employment as professional book illustrators, twenty-two (or 64%) of the 34 students said no, with the reason that they had not attained enough drawing proficiency for that purpose. They had not even developed sufficient interest in drawing to desire employment in illustration. The students insisted that those who want to attain advanced skills in drawing would need extra tuition to upgrade their drawing skills after graduation. However, the students who affirmed they had gained all the knowledge and skills they need in drawing regarded themselves as professional illustrators even before graduation.

The fact that 22 of the 34 BDI students interviewed did not report efficacy as professional

illustrators suggests inadequate preparation for employment after graduation. The implication is that employers who accept graduates of this aptitude would have to employ or contract other illustrators to provide their manual drawing needs. As Weber (2000) indicates, students sometimes have difficulty understanding what is not related to their personal experiences and cultures because they lack the appropriate prior knowledge of the topic, or they do not know how to tap into relevant knowledge they do have. Research shows that students have varying learning styles, and that no single teaching style accomplishes all students' needs (Downes, 2010) and that many learning problems occur because there is a mismatch of learning styles between those offering instruction and those receiving it (Gardner, 2005). Adopting a variety of teaching strategies and a step by step methodology would ensure that all the students acquire adequate drawing skills to fulfill course requirements.

#### IV. QUALITY OF STUDENTS' DRAWING

The following sections describe data collected through direct observation of teaching and learning sessions across the four year levels and the difficulties that the students encountered. Figures 1- 2 are samples of drawings by Year 1 students.

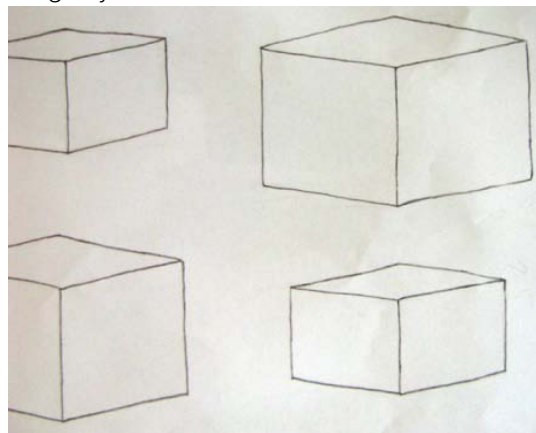


Figure 1 : Outline drawing of boxes



Figure 2 : Mass shading of self portrait

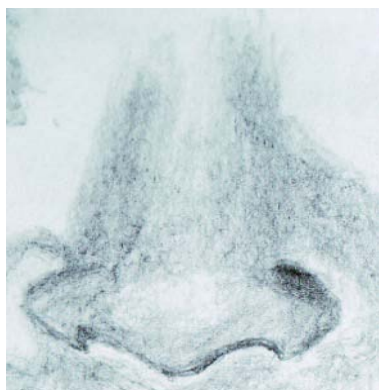
a) *Key difficulties identified*

- 1) Incorrect holding of the drawing tool (pencil in this case), friction between the students' wrists and the drawing surfaces, and lack of control over the drawing tool inhibited free movement and resulting in creating crooked lines in Figure 1.
- 2) The mass shading technique in Figure 2 was executed from memory and not from the critical observation.

*Drawing in Year 2*



*Figure 3 : Human skull*



*Figure 4 : Human nose*

b) *Key difficulties identified*

- 1) Mastery of drawing tools and materials had not been achieved in view of the limited use of drawing and shading styles seen in Figures 3 and 4.
- 2) The strokes of the pencil reveal inexperience and lack of confidence of the students. The drawings show stiffness of the hands that held the pencil; they had not learned to relax the wrist muscles to achieve accurate drawings.
- 3) Of the many drawing and shading techniques, only outline drawing and mass shading techniques were used up to this level.
- 4) The drawings suggest lack of skill for critical simultaneous observation and drawing, hence, they had difficulty coordinating their hands and eyes.

- 5) As a result of the difficulties the students encountered, they resorted to tracing from printed materials as seen in Figure 5 and Plate 1.



*Plate 1 : Printed photograph*



*Figure 5 : Tracing of the printed photograph (Plate 1)*

- 6) It is seen that the traced copy (Figure 5) of Plate 1 lacks originality although it is a good rendition of the photograph since it captures most of the details of the figures depicted in the original. However, copied illustrations could lead to infringement of copyright laws.

*Drawing in Year 3*

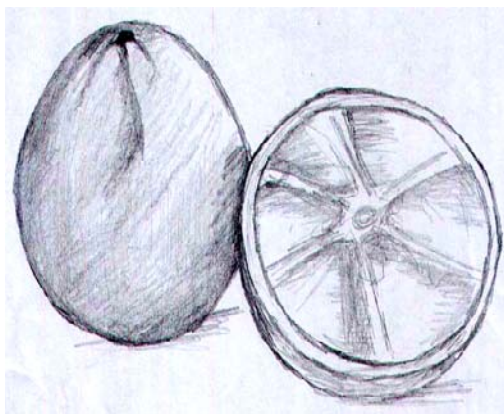


Figure 6 : Drawing of oranges



Figure 7 : Drawing of a squatting figure

c) *Key difficulties identified*

- 1) The drawn figure is squeezed into the space provided which depict limited sizes and proportions shown in relation to the observed subject; whereas drawn oranges in Figure 6 are disproportional. The drawings show the use of multiple lines.

*Drawing in Year 4*



Figure 8 : Shading of figure in pen

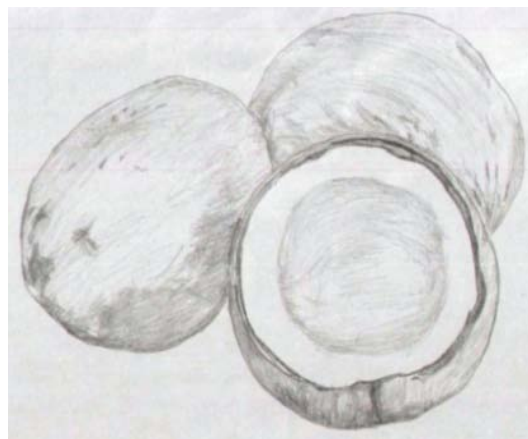


Figure 9 : Mass shading of coconuts in pencil

d) *Key difficulties identified*

- 1) Details on the subjects and objects could not be registered and the proportions shown in the drawn images are poor and inaccurate.
- 2) These are very simple drawings that show little improvement over the Years 1, 2 and 3 works.
- 3) The students have not explored and mastered the different drawing tools, materials, drawing and shading techniques. The students mostly worked in only one medium (pencil) and surface (cartridge papers).

Overall, observation of the students' drawing revealed little improvement between Years 2 to 4. All the works were rendered realistically, which made it easier to compare the four sets of drawings. Fundamental drawing problems identified in the students' drawings suggest insufficient skills development by the students to attain the right foundation needed for good drawing in Year 4. They need copious exercises in still life, anatomical and landscape drawing to hone their skills from Year 2 for the advanced level drawing required for book illustration. This is not to say that all the students experienced difficulties; ..... those who had prior learning of drawing tackled their drawing tasks with ease at the various levels and seemed to know what to do at each stage. Nonetheless, the drawing lecturers must look out for students who have peculiar difficulties and deal with them on individual basis or adopt peer - tutoring techniques where the 'well able' drawing students can be assigned to help the 'less able' students to resolve those problems.

Pencil and pen were the commonly used tools by the students for drawing on white cartridge paper which limited acquisition of knowledge about the variety of drawing tools, materials and supports that are available for the teaching and learning of drawing. They were not given opportunity to test other drawing tools to enable them determine the distinct marks and characteristics (such as quality, range of marks and tones) of the different tools and how they affect the quality of drawings they produce. The students seemed

not to have understood how the elements and principles of design work and are incorporated to blend the separate components of objects into the required composition.

Another obstacle to effective drawing was the students' inability to hold the drawing tool correctly to execute the class exercises. Learning the correct handling of different drawing tools could help the students to understand the advantages and disadvantages associated with each hold and the specific drawing tasks the various positions enable the tasks to be executed. Mastering how the pencil should be held would have enabled the students to produce free flowing lines instead of the multiple crooked lines that result when the hand rests on the drawing surface. It could have also helped them to shade accurately. The students were also not taken through any preliminary hand and wrist exercises to relax their muscles before attempting to draw. This led to the drawing of multiple shaky lines. The strokes of pencil in their drawings show inexperience and lack of confidence.

Moreover, the students were not trained to critically observe the natural forms of objects they had to draw as a pre-requisite to understanding how to render the characteristics of the objects accurately on paper. They also lacked the skill of simultaneous looking and drawing of the objects in order to register continuous freehand drawing of lines while looking off the drawing support. To avoid this many of the students resorted to tracing out images from photographs and other printed materials and adoption of drawing via outlines and mass shading.

## V. CONCLUSION

The study shows that dissimilar educational backgrounds of the students admitted into the Publishing Studies programme in KNUST vis-à-vis inclusion of drawing as a core course in the Year 1 curriculum poses a major challenge to the teaching and learning of drawing, and the sustainability of the Book Design and Illustration component of the programme in particular. The key challenge is that drawing is studied by Visual Arts students only so expecting students with Science, Business and General Arts backgrounds to learn to draw and attain the standard required for rendering text as illustrations from Year 2 is inconsistent with educational practice in Ghana. Prior knowledge is a powerful determinant of a student's capacity to learn new material and a condition for successful learning (Kocchar, 2004; Mzokwana, 2008).

Without the relevant foundation knowledge and skills to build on, some Year 1 students might experience psychological problems and intrapersonal conflict (Larson & Mildred, 2002) as they strive to fulfill course requirements. This might stifle their motivation for learning and thereby shun the BDI option of the programme. However, effective step-by-step teaching

that starts from the level of Junior High School drawing could sway some students to opt for BDI and excel. As indicated earlier, ability to draw is a crucial factor that Year 1 students consider in their choice of programme options, particularly with respect to BDI which the students perceived as suitable only for Visual Arts students. The premise is that 23 or 67% of the 34 students surveyed brought previous learning experiences in drawing to the programme and were also specializing in BDI.

Unfortunately, inadequate drawing skill is driving potential illustrators in BDI into design which hinges on computer software applications for illustration simply because they have limited technical drawing skills for manual illustration. A more systematic instructional strategy that starts with the fundamentals of drawing and proceeds through an intermediate stage to an advanced level in Year 4 could address the disparities and provide all Year 1 students with a firm grounding in drawing. This would eliminate the frustration that drives potential BDI students into Printing Technology and Publishing Administration. The few students who develop interest from Year 1 drawing could also use the drawing sessions to develop their creative potentials and ultimately widen their career choices.

As the study revealed, only 47 or 8.5% of the 555 undergraduate students studied in Publishing Studies were specializing in Book Design and Illustration which is perceived as the only art-oriented career option as compared to 508 or 91.5% in Printing Technology and Publishing Administration. To have only 12 out of 34 BDI students majoring in Book Illustration because they had a high standard drawing skills to major in hand drawn illustration while inadequate drawing skills had confined 22 students to major in computer - aided Book Design suggests the possibility of Book Design and Illustration phasing out for lack of patronage. This also suggests the need to skew entry into the programme to admit more Visual Arts students to support BDI and scaling down the content of courses BI 151/152 Drawing to the level of drawing in Senior High School Form 1 to channel more Publishing students into BDI from Year 2. The large population of Year 2 – 4 students in Printing Technology and Publishing Administration can thus be attributed to lack or inadequate drawing skills required for hand drawn illustrations.

For two lecturers to teach 47 mixed-ability students to attain the high standard of drawing skills required for illustrating text manually or by computer could be overwhelming. The drawing lecturers cannot achieve everything single handedly and adopt differentiated instruction strategies to meet individual learners' needs, learning styles or interests. This challenge could be addressed with the introduction of Learning Support Assistants (Stanfield, 2009) who could use their creativity to help with the monitoring, supervision and control of the different categories of

students for effective teaching and learning of drawing. The LSAs could also help to instill a can-do attitude in the students and provide tutorials to motivate them both in class and independently to develop good drawing skills through continuous supervised practical exercises and assignments on a sustained basis.

Peer teaching (Boud, Cohen & Sampson, 2001) could also be adopted to engage the 'more drawing able' students to share their ideas, knowledge and experiences on drawing to support and encourage their peers in small groups to do well. This process of linking high achieving students with low achieving students in the classroom will enable the students help and mentor their peers under the supervision of the lecturers. The LSAs or Teaching Assistants (TAs) as they are addressed in KNUST, could consistently monitor and review the students' progress in drawing in conjunction with the drawing lecturers to ensure successful learning for all the students. The TAs could consistently monitor and review the students' progress in conjunction with the class teacher. With a little support and assistance, weak students in the drawing class would be able to succeed. This will free the lecturers to plan and implement differentiated teaching and help the 'less able to draw' students without neglecting the 'well able' students. Inculcating the right attitudes to drawing would enhance the teaching and learning of Book Design and Illustration and the students' marketability and suitability for the publishing industry while also sustaining the specialized career option of this unique programme in Ghanaian education.

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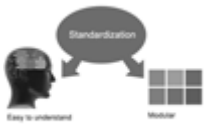
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