

differentiation of the peasantry, and resulting in the dispossession and pauperization of most peasants, greatly accelerated the process of integration of the whole economy (including the rural areas) into the world capitalist system, and at the same time hindered capitalist development in the rural areas.

1.6 Outline

This study is comprised of seven chapters. Chapter 1 provides an introduction to the study that also includes the literature review and theoretical framework. Chapter 2 deals with the pre-Mandate period and examines the main trends and changes in the country and economy. It serves to put the changes during the Mandate in sharp contrast. In Chapter 3, I discuss the impact of and changes in taxation, debt, and land tenure. Chapter 4 provides a detailed investigation of agricultural production with special attention to cash crops. It distinguishes between European Jewish and Arab cultivation, but it also examines their interaction and the differential impact of government action on them. It also illustrates the integration of Palestinian agriculture in the world market. Chapter 5 examines the extent of changes in techniques of production and their impact. Chapter 6 examines the process of differentiation of the peasantry. Chapter 7 provides a summary and conclusion.