

MODERN MIDDLE EAST HISTORY

HISTORY 387- Section 002

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 Sept 6: Last day to add classes

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 Wednesday 4:30-7:10 PM
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This course provides an overview of Middle East history since 1800 and a context for understanding current political developments in this dynamic region. Following a brief discussion on the rise of Islam and the Arab conquests, we examine the decline of the Ottoman Empire; European colonialism; nationalist and Islamic responses to Western penetration; the establishment of modern nation-states and the formation of Israeli and Palestinian nationalism.

Most of the course will focus on events after World War II including the Arab-Israeli conflict; the Iranian Revolution; the first Gulf War; the 2003 Iraq War; the September 11th terrorist attacks and the Arab uprisings of 2011. Throughout the semester we will explore the relationship of religion and politics, especially the emergence of various strands of political Islam; US policy in the Middle East, and the status of women. Most classes will conclude with a brief review of current events and their connection to the readings. There will be some minor changes in the syllabus as we proceed through the semester.

Class attendance and participation are important in grading. There will be two assigned books and a reading packet for purchase as well as several films. Students are expected to follow news on the Middle East, especially the New York Times, Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor, BBC, and the Israeli newspaper HaAretz on the Arab-Israeli conflict (www.haaretz.com).

Required Books:

A History of the Modern Middle East, 4th Edition. William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton (Westview Press: 2009)

Global Political Islam. Peter Mandaville (Routledge: 2007)

Course Requirements:

Quiz #1	15% of grade
Mid-Term Exam	25% of grade
Quiz #2	15% of grade
Final Exam	30% of grade
Class Participation and Attendance	<u>15% of grade</u>
	100%

- **Participation**, especially by attending class every week, is extremely important for this class.
- **Each quiz** will include a map and 5 vocabulary words, distributed the previous week. It will also include a short question on a recent news article. News articles distributed one week before the quiz and/or sent by email.
- **Each exam** will include 10 vocabulary words and essay questions, distributed one week before the exam. Students can select three out of five essay questions.

WEEK ONE- AUGUST 31**Introduction to the course, Rise of Islam, Arab Conquests and Empires, Sunni-Shia Division**

- Cleveland, pp. 1-56 (Ch. 1)
- Mandaville, pp. 7-19 and 24-42
- Selections from Quran

WEEK TWO- SEPTEMBER 7**The Decline of the Ottoman Empire, the Tanzimat Period, Egypt under British Colonialism**

- Cleveland, 57-80 (Ch. 4), pp. 81-102 (Ch. 5) and pp. 103-109 on Egypt under British
- Selections from *Feminists, Islam and Nation: Gender and the Making of Modern Egypt* by Margot Badran: 1995. (reading packet)

WEEK THREE- SEPTEMBER 14

- **The Response of Islamic Society to Western Penetration, World War I and European Colonialism, the Emergence of the Muslim Brotherhood; Islamic Modernist, conservative and fundamentalist views on women**
- Cleveland, pp. 119 -132 (Ch. 7) and pp. 149-170 (Ch. 9)
- Mandaville, pp. 49-74
- Selections from *The Lawful and the Prohibited in Islam*, by Yusuf Qaradawi, *Women and Gender in Islam: Historical Roots of a Modern Debate*, by Leila Ahmad, and "Tunisia as an Arab Women's Rights Leader" by Andrea Barron in *The Globalist*: July 2007. (all in reading packet).

WEEK FOUR - SEPTEMBER 21 QUIZ**Arab Nationalism and Arab Struggle for Independence; the Muslim Brotherhood; The Rise of Turkish Nationalism and Ataturk**

- Cleveland, pp. 171-173 (Introduction), pp. 193-215 (Ch. 11), and pp. 217-237 (Ch. 12)
- Cleveland on Turkey: pp. 133-143 and 175-185

WEEK FIVE - SEPTEMBER 28**The Palestine Mandate and the Birth of Israel; The Arab-Israeli Conflict: 1948-1977**

- Cleveland, pp. 239-271 (Ch. 13) and pp. 345-369 (Ch. 17)
- Selections from *A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, 4th edition, by Ian Bickerton and Carla Klausner: 2005 (reading packet)

WEEK SIX – OCTOBER 5**The Age of Nasser and the Radicalization of Arab Politics; Sayyid Qutb and radical Islam**

- Cleveland, pp. 301-345 (Chapters 15 and 16)
- Mandaville, pp. 74-85

WEEK SEVEN – OCTOBER 12**Turkey and Iran: Post -Ataturk Turkey and Muslim Democracy; Iran from the Qajar Shahs to the Pahlavis, Islam and Democracy**

- Cleveland, pp. 275-288 (on Turkey)
- Cleveland, pp. 109-117; 143-148; 185-192; and 288-300 (on Iran)
- Mandaville, pp. 120-128 (Turkey and Muslim Democracy)

WEEK EIGHT – OCTOBER 19—MID-TERM**WEEK NINE – OCTOBER 26****Egypt and Lebanon in 1970s and 1980s; Authoritarian Rule in Syria and Iraq**

- Cleveland, pp. 369-395 (Ch. 18) and pp. 397-421 (Ch. 19)
- Selections from Human Rights Reports (reading packet)

WEEK TEN – NOVEMBER 2**Iranian Revolution, the Iran-Iraq War and Iran's Quest for Regional Supremacy; Saudi Arabia and politics of oil**

- Cleveland, pp. 423-450 (Ch. 20), pp. 451-463 (Ch. 21)
- Mandaville, pp. 147-168 (Saudi) and pp. 179-196 (Iran)
- "Will Oil Drown the Arab Spring?" by Michael Ross in *Foreign Affairs*: Sept-Oct 2011 (reading packet)

WEEK ELEVEN – NOVEMBER 9**The Arab-Israeli Conflict from 1977-2011 and the rise and fall of the Mideast peace process; US Policy and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict; the rise of Hamas; Women and Hamas**

- Cleveland, pp. 473-478 on the Palestinian intifada and pp. 499-525 (Ch. 23)
- Hamas and Women, pp. 182-207 from *Hamas* by Beverley Milton-Edwards and Stephen Farrell: 2010. (reading packet)
- Selection from *The Stakes: America in the Middle East* by Shibley Telhami (reading packet)

WEEK TWELVE – NOVEMBER 16- QUIZ**The September 11th Attacks and Radical Islam; Islam and electoral democracy**

- *The Search for Al-Qaeda*, by Bruce Riedel: 2008. (reading packet)
- Mandaville, pp. 107-119 and 130-146 (Islam and Democracy) and pp. 237-265 (radical Islam)

NOVEMBER 23, THANKSGIVING VACATION – NO CLASS**WEEK THIRTEEN – NOVEMBER 30****The First Gulf War and the 2003 Iraq War, US Policy and the Iraq War**

- Cleveland, pp. 478-497 (first Gulf War)

- Selections from *American Unbound: The Bush Revolution in Foreign Policy* by Ivo Daalder and James Lindsay (2005) (reading packet)
- *Suicide Bombers in Iraq*, by Mohammed M. Hafez (reading packet)

WEEK FOURTEEN – DECEMBER 7

A Changing Middle East: The Arab Uprisings of 2011, the Israeli-Palestinian impasse, and US Policy in the Middle East (all from reading packet)

- Selection from *On the State of Egypt: What Made the Revolution Inevitable* by Alaa al-Aswany (2011)
- “Can the Egyptian Army Let Go?” by Jeff Martini and Julie Taylor in *Foreign Affairs* (Sept-October 2011)
- “A Third Way to Palestine” by Robert Danin in *Foreign Affairs* (January/February 2011) and “Palestine Goes to the UN” by Khaled Elgindy in *Foreign Affairs* (Sept-October 2011)
- Other current journal and news articles

FINAL EXAM- DECEMBER 14