

George Mason University, Fall 2012  
**HIST 535-002 / HIST 635-003**  
**Mediterranean World 1821-Present**

Course No. 77081 / 75173

Planetary Hall Room 224

Wednesdays, 4:30-7:10 p.m.

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Paphos Harbor, Cyprus

### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

This graduate seminar gives students the opportunity to read relevant scholarly literature on the history of Mediterranean countries and their development as nations after the Greek War for Independence in 1821.

Through these readings we will examine the processes of European colonialism, revolution, decolonization, migration, and nation building in the Mediterranean region.

Students should be prepared to read a book or significant article each week, write a one-page review and analysis, and discuss it with the class. Particular attention will be paid to Algeria and France; Italy, Sicily, and Malta; and Greece, Turkey, and Cyprus. However, students are encouraged to focus on an area of individual interest with the approval of the instructor.

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS**

- Clogg, Richard. A Concise History of Greece. Any edition.
- Doumanis, Nicholas. Italy. Inventing the Nation. Any edition.
- Stora, Benjamin. Algeria, 1830-2000: A Short History. Any edition.

### **GRADING**

A= 90-100; B = 80-89; C = 70-79; D = 60-69; F = below 60.

Grades are based on 10 one-page reports typed and presented to the class each week. This includes nine books or seminal articles chosen by the student with consultation with the instructor. The final report is a synthesis of your readings, placing the books in the historiography of your topic. You will make and distribute copies of each report to all members of the class (approximately 13 students), then present your report and lead a discussion about the book. The papers will be graded each week by the instructor and the grades averaged for the final grade.

### **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

Students are expected to attend all classes. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for arranging your academic and personal schedule so you can arrive on time and remain for the entire class period.

**APPROPRIATE CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR**

**\*\*Appropriate classroom behavior is a requirement for remaining in this class. This means specifically that private conversations, sleeping, texting or other use of cell phones, or any other disruption in the classroom are strictly prohibited. This also requires you to be courteous and respectful of other students in the class in relation to ethnicity or religious beliefs.**

The use of laptop computers is not allowed in class.

NOTE that arriving late disturbs the class, so IF you must arrive late for reasons beyond your control, be sure to be quiet and not disrupt the class. Habitual tardiness will be reason for a conference with the Instructor, academic advisor, or Dean of Student Services about whether you should remain in the class.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY**

Any student found cheating, including plagiarism, will receive a grade of "0" for the assignment or exam and may also be referred to the Dean of Student Services for additional disciplinary action. If you are unsure what plagiarism is, you might read through this website:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/>

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

Please let me know if you have documented special needs or require special accommodations, or if there is any other situation that may prevent you from fully participating in the class or completing the assignments so that I can help to determine reasonable and appropriate accommodations.

**WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASS**

If you choose to withdraw from this class, it is your responsibility to check the appropriate deadlines and proceed with the withdrawal process.

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

### **Wednesdays, 4:30-7:10**

**WEEK 1**

August 29                      Introduction to Class

**WEEK 2**

September 5                *Read:*    Richard Clogg, *A Concise History of Greece*

**WEEK 3**

September 12              *Read:*    Nicholas Doumanis, *Italy: Inventing the Nation*

**WEEK 4**

September 19              *Read:*    Benjamin Stora, *Algeria, 1830-2000: A Short History*

***Due at beginning of class: Individual reading list of 10 books***

**WEEK 5**

September 26              Read 1 book from your list; Type 1-page single space book report; Make 14 copies

WEEK 6 October 3	Read 1 book from your list; Type 1-page single space book report; Make 14 copies
WEEK 7 October 10	Read 1 book from your list; Type 1-page single space book report; Make 14 copies
WEEK 8 October 17	Read 1 book from your list; Type 1-page single space book report; Make 14 copies
WEEK 9 October 24	Film in class. No book report due.
WEEK 10 October 31	Read 1 book from your list; Type 1-page single space book report; Make 14 copies
WEEK 11 November 7	Read 1 book from your list; Type 1-page single space book report; Make 14 copies
WEEK 12 November 14	Read 1 book from your list; Type 1-page single space book report; Make 14 copies
WEEK 13 <b>November 21</b>	<b>NO CLASS: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY Nov. 21-25</b>
WEEK 14 November 28	Read 1 book from your list; Type 1-page single space book report; Make 14 copies
WEEK 15 December 5	Read 1 book from your list; Type 1-page single space book report; Make 14 copies  (December 8 Last day of classes)
WEEK 16 December 10-11 December 11-19	Reading Days (No Classes) Final exam period (No classes)
<b>December 12</b>	<b>Final report due by email by 5 p.m. to ghook@gmu.edu</b>