ISLAM POLITICS AND TERROR IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
(3 CREDITS)  
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COURSE REQUIREMENTS:  
- Regular Attendance and Participation in Meetings  
- Mid Term Paper. (40% of final grade)  
- A final exam, which must be taken by all students (60% of final grade).  

READINGS:  

1. The Crisis of Islam in the Modern Time  
B. Lewis, "The Revolt of Islam," The New Yorker, November 19, 2001 [Internet]  
M. Kramer, “Fundamentalist Islam: The Drive for Power,” in Martinkremer.org  

2. Early Islamic Reformers  
Albert Hourani, Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age (Cambridge, various editions), pp. 103-129.  

3. The Muslim Brethren  

4. Sunni Radicalism  
E. Sivan, Radical Islam: Medieval Theology and Modern Politics (Yale, 1985), pp. 1-49.  
5. What is Fundamentalism


5. Shi`i Radicalism


6. The Iranian Revolution

7. Iran after the Revolution: Islamism or Populism


8. Hizballah: The Party of God in Lebanon


10. Radical Islam and Democracy: Compatibility or Conflict


M. Kramer, “Islam vs. Democracy,” in Martinkremer.org

11. Islam and the Israeli-Arab Conflict


12. Al-Qa’ida and Trans-National Terrorism


13. Modern Islamism and Gender


14. Radical Islam and the `Arab Spring.'