

An Introduction to the History of the Middle East in the Modern Period

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Course Description:

This course aims to introduce students to critical historical processes and themes that have shaped the development of the Middle East from the late Ottoman period until the present, with a focus on the twentieth century. The course will cover some of the major political, social, economic, and cultural transformations, including but not limited to: the transition from Ottoman to colonial rule, the rise of territorial states, various forms of nationalism, inter-Arab politics, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the Islamic revival and the jihadi phenomenon.

Grading:

Class preparation, attendance, and participation – 15%

Early Term essay – 15%

Final Paper – 70%

1-2. *Beginnings of the Modern Period and Middle Eastern Encounters with Europe*

Asher Susser and Duygu Atlas, *The Emergence of the Modern Middle East* (Tel Aviv: The Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, 2017), pp. 1-20.

Dror Ze'evi, "Back to Napoleon? Thoughts on the Beginning of the Modern Era in the Middle East," *Mediterranean Historical Review* 19:1 (2004), 73-94.

William Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1994), pp. 39-60.

3-4. *Modernity, Tradition, and the Age of Reform*

Asher Susser and Duygu Atlas, *The Emergence of the Modern Middle East* (Tel Aviv: The Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, 2017), pp. 21-38.

William Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1994), pp. 61-98.

Bernard Lewis, *The Multiple Identities of the Middle East* (Schocken Books, 1998).

John Darwin, *After Tamerlane: The Rise and Fall of Global Empires, 1400-2000* (Penguin Books, 2008), 283-293.

Abbas Amanat, *Iran: A Modern History* (Yale University Press, 2017), Chapter 5.

5. Islamic Modernism: al-Afghani and 'Abduh

Albert Hourani, *Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age, 1789 – 1939* (Cambridge, 1983), pp. 103-192.

6. Wahhabi Islam in the Arabian Peninsula

David Commins, *The Wahhabi Mission and Saudi Arabia* (IB Tauris, 2006), Introduction and Chapter 1.

7. Rise of Nationalism; the Decline of Empire

Asher Susser and Duygu Atlas, *The Emergence of the Modern Middle East* (Tel Aviv: The Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, 2017), pp. 47-64.

William Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1994), 99-124.

Vanessa Martin, *Iran between Islamic Nationalism and Secularism: The Constitutional Revolution of 1906* (IB Tauris, 2013), pp. 13-43, 107-121.

8. World War I and New States

Adeed Dawisha, *Arab Nationalism in the Twentieth Century: From Triumph to Despair* (Princeton University Press, 2002), Introduction.

Asher Susser and Duygu Atlas, *The Emergence of the Modern Middle East* (Tel Aviv: The Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, 2017), pp. 77-114.

Michael Eppel, *A People Without A State* (University of Texas Press, 2016), pp.109-136.

Mayir Verate, "The Balfour Declaration and Its Makers," in *From Palmerston to Balfour: The Collected Essays of Mayir Verete* (Portland, OR: Frank Cass, 1992), Norman Rose, ed., 1-38.

9. Ataturk and Turkey after World War I

Serif Mardin, "Religion and Secularism in Turkey," in *Ataturk: Founder of a Modern State* (London: C. Hurst, 1981), Ali Kazancigil and Ergun Ozbudun, eds., pp. 191-219.

William Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1994), pp. 164-174.

9. Reza Shah and Iran after World War I

Ervand Abrahamian, *A History of Modern Iran* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), Chapter 3.

William Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1994), pp. 174-180.

10. Mossadegh: Iran and Oil Nationalization

Ervand Abrahamian, "The 1953 Coup in Iran," *Science & Society* 65:2 (Summer 2001), 182-215.

Ervand Abrahamian, *A History of Modern Iran* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), Chapter 4.

Fakhreddin Azimi, "The reconciliation of politics and ethics; nationalism and democracy: an overview of the political career of Dr Muhammad Mussadiq," in *Mussadiq, Iranian Nationalism, and Oil* (London: I.B. Tauris, Ltd.), W. Roger Louis and James Bill, eds., 47-68.

11. The Rise of the Ba'th Party and Arab Nationalism

Nabil Kaylani, "The Rise of the Syrian Ba'th, 1940-1958: Political Success, Party Failure," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 3:1 (Jan., 1972), 3-23.

12-13. Nasser and Politics of Arab Nationalism

Adeed Dawisha, *Arab Nationalism in the Twentieth Century: From Triumph to Despair* (Princeton University Press, 2002), Chapters 4-9.

14. The June 1967 Six Day War

Charles Yost, "The Arab Israeli War: How It Began," *Foreign Affairs* 46: 2 (January 1968).

Galia, Golan, "The Soviet Union and the Outbreak of the June 1967 Six Day War," *Journal of Cold War Studies* 8:1 (Winter 2006), 3-19.

Moshe Gat, "Nasser and the Six Day War, 5 June 1967: A Premeditated Strategy or An Inexorable Drift to War?," *Israel Affairs* 11:4 (Winter 2005), 608-635.

Michael Oren, "The Revelations of 1967: New Research on the Six Day War and Its Lessons for the Contemporary Middle East," *Israel Studies* 10:2 (Summer 2005).

15. *The Post-1967 Reckoning*

Fouad Ajami, "The End of Pan-Arabism," *Foreign Affairs* (Winter 1978/1979).

Fouad Ajami, *The Arab Predicament* (Canto Edition, 1992), pp. 1-77.

David Holden, "The Persian Gulf: After the British Raj," *Foreign Affairs*, July 1971, 721-735.

Thomas Hegghammer and Stephane Lacroix, "Rejectionist Islamism in Saudi Arabia: The Story of Juhayman al-'Utaybi Revisited," *IJMES* 39 (2007), 103-122.

Stephane Lacroix, *Awakening Islam: The Politics of Religious Dissent in Contemporary Saudi Arabia* (Harvard University Press, 2011), Chapter 2.

16. *Kurdish Nationalism*

Ofra Bengio, *The Kurds of Iraq: Building a State Within a State* (Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2012), pp. 1-17.

17. *The Iranian Revolution of 1978-1979*

Shaul Bakhash, "Khomeini: The 'Idol Smasher'," in *The Reign of the Ayatollahs: Iran and the Islamic Revolution* (Basic Books, 1990), pp. 19-51.

Misagh Parsa, "Ideology and Political Action in the Iranian Revolution," *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 31:1 (2011).

Mansoor Moaddel, "Ideology and Episodic Discourse: The Case of the Iranian Revolution," *American Sociological Review* 57: 3 (Jun., 1992), 353-379.

Shaul Bakhash, "Iran," *The American Historical Review* 96:5 (Dec., 1991), 1479-1496.

18. *Salafism*

Quintan Wiktorowicz, *Anatomy of the Salafi Movement*, *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, (2006) 29:207-239.

Roel Meijer, "Introduction," *Global Salafism: Islam's New Religious Movement* (London: Hurst & Company, 2009), pp. 1-29.

19-20. *Israel, Jordan, and Palestine*

Asher Susser, *Israel, Jordan, and Palestine: The Two State Imperative* (Brandeis University Press, 2010).