

DHP-263
Mugar 200

Colonialism and Nationalism in the Modern Middle East
THE FLETCHER SCHOOL
– Professor Leila Fawaz –

Fall 2007
Weds 3:20-5:20

COURSE SYLLABUS

With a particular focus on the Arab-Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the Arab world, this course examines the evolution of nation-states in the Middle East from colonial rule to the present. Themes addressed include the rise of nationalism and pan-Arabism, ideologies of internal unity and regional tensions, Islam as a political force, radical trends and the search for new alternatives.

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesdays, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, the Fares Center, Mugar 129

– *Sign-up sheet available at the Fares Center in Mugar 129* –

EXAMS:

A **midterm exam** is required of all students. It will be held in class on **Wednesday, October 31**.

A **take-home final exam** will be handed out in class on **Wednesday, December 5**, and must be returned to the Registrar's office by 12:00pm on **Friday, December 14**.

[*An **optional paper** (twenty to twenty-five pages) related to topics studied in this course may be submitted in lieu of the final exam. **Topics must be pre-approved by November 16**. The paper must be written exclusively for DHP 263 and delivered to the Registrar's office by 12:00pm on **Friday, December 14**.]

– *Please note the dates of the exams and arrange your travel and other plans around them, as they cannot be changed. **Incompletes are not an option in this course.*** –

GRADES:

- **Mid-term** – the midterm exam will account for **50%** of your final grade.
- **Final** – the final take-home exam (or paper) will account for **50%** of your final grade.
- **Class participation** – is also very important.

REQUIRED BOOKS:

- William L. Cleveland** *History of the Modern Middle East*, (latest edition).
- David Fromkin** *A Peace to End All Peace* (latest edition)
- R. Stephen Humphreys** *Between Memory and Desire* (U. of California Press, 1999)
- Rashid Khalidi** *Resurrecting Empire* (Boston: Beacon Press, 2005, paperback)
- Vali Nasr** *The Shia Revival* (NY: W.W. Norton and Co., 2006)
- Oliver Roy** *Globalized Islam: The Search for a New Ummah* (NY: Columbia UP, 2004)
- Mark Tessler** *A History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict* (Indiana UP, latest edition)

– Available at the Campus Bookstore and on reserve in the Ginn Library. –

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

- George Antonius** *Arab Awakening* (any edition)
- Ian S. Lustick** *Trapped in the War on Terror* (Philadelphia: U of Pennsylvania Press, 2006)
- Rashid Khalidi** *The Iron Cage* (Boston: Beacon Press, 2006)
- Elizabeth Monroe** *Britain's Moment in the Middle East*

– Available on reserve in the Ginn Library. –

REQUIRED ARTICLES:

- “Political Islam: Image and Reality,” by Mohammed Ayooob (*World Policy Journal*, Fall 2004).
- “Turkey Rediscovered the Middle East,” by F. Stephen Larrabee (*Foreign Affairs*, July/Aug 2007).
- “What Do Egypt’s Islamists Want? Moderate Islam and the Rise of Islamic Constitutionalism,” by Bruce K. Rutherford (*Middle East Journal*, Autumn 2006).
- “A Trusteeship for Palestine,” by Martin Indyk (*Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2003).
- “Boxing in the Brothers,” by Samer Shehata and Joshua Stacher, (*The Middle East Report online*, August 8, 2007).
- “Blowback Revisited,” by Peter Bergen and Alec Reynolds (*Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2005).
- “The Autumn of the Autocrats,” by Fouad Ajami (*Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2005).
- “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism,” by Robert A. Pape, (*American Political Science Review*, August 2003).
- “Time for Détente,” by Ray Takeyh (*Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2007).

– All articles can be found on Blackboard. –

GUEST LECTURES:

There will be guest lectures on the following dates, and you are strongly encouraged to attend them.

- Shai Feldman, Wednesday, October 3 (5:30pm)
- John Voll, Wednesday, November 14 (5:30pm)
- Barnett R. Rubin, Wednesday, December 5 (5:30pm)

– Please note these lectures in the syllabus. –

RECOMMENDED FILMS:

- *Lawrence of Arabia*
- *Umm: A Voice Like Egypt*
- *West Beirut*

– These films will be on reserve in the Ginn library or available in the Fares Center. –

– SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND MEETINGS –

– *Week 1* –1. **The Middle East Today***Wednesday, September 5*

- Humphreys, *Between Memory and Desire*, chapters 1 and 2
- Khalidi, *Resurrecting Empire*, Introduction
- Roy, *Globalized Islam*, chapters 1, 2 and 3
- Ayooob article: “Political Islam”

– *Week 2* –2. **The Age of Empires***Wednesday, September 12*

- Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, chapters 1, 2, 7 and 8
- Khalidi, *Resurrecting Empire*, chapter 1
- Fromkin, *A Peace to End All Peace*, parts I, II, III, IV, V and VI
- Larabee article: “Turkey Rediscovered the Middle East”

– *Week 3* –3. **A New Middle East: WWI*****Rescheduled: THURSDAY, September 20 (tentatively 5:30 – 7:30)***

- Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, chapter 9
- Fromkin, *A Peace to End All Peace*, parts VII, VIII, IX, X and XI

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

- Antonius, *Arab Awakening*

– *Week 4* –

4. **Turkey, Iran and Egypt in the Interwar Era, Part I**

Wednesday, September 26

- Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, chapters 10 and 11
- Fromkin, *A Peace to End All Peace*, part XII

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

- Monroe, *Britain's Moment in the Middle East*

– *Week 5* –

5. **The Mandate in Palestine**

Wednesday, October 3

- Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, chapter 13
- Tessler, *A History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4

GUEST LECTURE:

Wednesday, October 3

Shai Feldman, Brandeis University

5:30pm, Cabot 7th floor

"The Middle East at 2008: Challenges for the U.S."

– *Students are strongly encouraged to attend this talk.* –

– *Week 6* –

6. **Iraq, Syria and Lebanon in the Interwar Era, Part II**

Wednesday, October 10

- Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, chapters 12
- Khalidi, *Resurrecting Empire*, chapter 2
- Roy, *Globalized Islam*, chapters 4, 5 and 6

– *Week 7* –

7. **The Middle East in the Age of Nasser**

Wednesday, October 17

- Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, chapters 14, 15 and 16
- Tessler, *A History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapters 5 and 6
- Humphreys, *Between Memory and Desire*, chapters 3 and 4
- Rutherford article: “What do Egypt’s Islamists Want”

– *Week 8* –

8. **The Six-Day War and Its Consequences**

Wednesday, October 24

- Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, chapter 17
- Tessler, *A History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapters 7 and 8
- Khalidi, *Resurrecting Empire*, chapter 3
- Indyk article: “A Trusteeship for Palestine”

– *Week 9* –

9. **In-class MIDTERM exam**

Wednesday, October 31

– *Includes all above reading from weeks 1-7 (not including the Six-Day War readings from week 8).* –

– *Week 10* –

10. **Dictatorship and Political Transition**

Wednesday, November 7

- Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, chapter 18, 19 and 20
- Tessler, *A History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapter 9
- Humphreys, *Between Memory and Desire*, chapter 5 to end
- Khalidi, *Resurrecting Empire*, chapter 4
- Shehata and Stacher article: “Boxing in the Brothers”

– *There will be **NO CLASS** on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14** as this day runs on a Monday schedule.* –

GUEST LECTURE:*Wednesday, November 14***John Voll, Georgetown University**5:30pm, Cabot 7th floor“Religion, Pluralism and Terrorism: 21st Century Dilemmas”

– *Students are strongly encouraged to attend this talk.* –

– Week 11 –**11. New Challenges: The *Intifadas* and the Gulf Wars****Rescheduled: TUESDAY**, *November 20* (5:30 – 7:30, Cabot 205)

- Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, chapter 21, 22, 23 and 24
- Tessler, *A History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapters 10, 11 and epilogue
- Khalidi, *Resurrecting Empire*, chapter 5
- Nasr, *The Shia Revival*, chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Bergen and Reynolds article: “Blowback Revisited”

– *Please note that **CLASS** has been **MOVED** to **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20** at the same time.* –

– Week 12 –**12. Islamic Politics***Wednesday, November 28* – *Guest lecture by Professor **Ibrahim Warde***

- Nasr, *The Shia Revival*, chapters 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9
- Roy, *Globalized Islam*, chapters 7 and 8
- Ajami article: “The Autumn of the Autocrats”
- Pape article: “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism”

– *Week 13* –

13. Review and Conclusions

Wednesday, December 5 (last class)

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

- Lustick, *Trapped in the War on Terror*
- Khalidi, *The Iron Cage*
- Takeyh article: “Time for Détente”

– *The **TAKE-HOME FINAL EXAM** will be handed out in class and must be returned to the Registrar’s office by 12:00pm on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.*** –

GUEST LECTURE:

Wednesday, December 5

Barnett R. Rubin, New York University

5:30pm, Cabot 7th floor

“Why are We in Afghanistan?”

– *Students are strongly encouraged to attend this talk.* –

– *There will be **NO CLASS** on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12** as this day runs on a Friday schedule.* –