

History-61
Tisch 316

The Middle East since World War One
TUFTS UNIVERSITY
– Professor Leila Fawaz –

Fall 2007
Monday 1:30-4:00

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, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, the Fares Center, Mugar 129

Mondays, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm (following class), East Hall 102

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

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EXAMS:

A **midterm exam** is required of all students. It will be held in class on **Monday, November 5**.

A **final exam**, which is required, will be held on the last day of class, **Monday, December 10**.

– *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 **40%** of your final grade.
- **Final** – the final exam will account for **45%** of your final grade.
- **Class participation** – Class participation is important, and therefore you are highly recommended to attend sections. It will account for **15%** of your final grade.
- **Extra credit** - There will also be an opportunity to supplement your grade through extra credit opportunities. These will include response papers for guest lectures and/or films.

REQUIRED BOOKS:

William L. Cleveland	<i>History of the Modern Middle East</i> , (latest edition).
John Esposito	<i>Unholy war</i> (Oxford Univ. Press, latest edition)
John Esposito	<i>What Everyone Should Know About Islam</i> (Oxford Univ. Press, latest edition)
Margaret MacMillan	<i>Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World</i> (Random House 2002)
Charles Smith	<i>Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict</i> (latest edition)

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

REQUIRED ARTICLES:

- “Freedom and Justice in the Modern Middle East,” by Bernard Lewis (*Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2005).
- “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism,” by Robert A. Pape, (*American Political Science Review*, August 2003).

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. –

FILMS:

There will be several film screenings during the semester, which students are encouraged to attend.

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

– SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND MEETINGS –

– *Week 1* –**1. Introduction***Monday, September 10*

- Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapters 1 and 2

– *Week 2* –**2. The Rich Islamic, Arab, and Ottoman Heritage***Monday, September 17*

- Cleveland, *History of the Modern Middle East*, chapters 1, 6, 7 and 8
- MacMillan, *Paris 1919*, part 1, 2, 3 and 4

– *Week 3* –**3. The Turning Point of World War I***Monday, September 24*

- Cleveland, *History of the Modern Middle East*, chapter 9
- Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapter 3
- MacMillan, *Paris 1919*, part 5, 6, 7 and 8

– *Week 4* –**4. Colonialism and Nationalism in the Interwar Period, Part I***Monday, October 1*

- Cleveland, *History of the Modern Middle East*, chapters 10 and 11

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.* –

– There will be **NO CLASS** on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 8** as this is Columbus Day (University Holiday). Class will meet on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9**. –

– **Week 5** –

5. Colonialism and Nationalism in the Interwar Period, Part II
Tuesday, October 9 – Guest lecture by Professor **Ibrahim Warde**

- Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapter 4
- Cleveland, *History of the Modern Middle East*, chapters 12

– **Week 6** –

6. The Question of Palestine
Monday, October 15

- Cleveland, *History of the Modern Middle East*, chapters 13 and 14
- Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapter 5

– **Week 7** –

7. Nasserism and Arabism
Monday, October 22

- Cleveland, *History of the Modern Middle East*, chapters 15 and 16
- Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapter 6

– **Week 8** –

8. The Turning Point of 1967
Monday, October 29

- Cleveland, *History of the Modern Middle East*, chapter 17
- Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapters 7 and 8

– **Week 9** –

9. In-class MIDTERM exam

Monday, November 5

– *Includes all above reading from weeks 1-7 (not including the Turning Point of 1967 readings from week 8).* –

– *There will be **NO CLASS** on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12** as this is Veteran's Day (University Holiday).* –

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 10** –

10. Radical Regimes, Civil Wars, and Revolution

Monday, November 19 – Guest lecture by Emre Kayhan: “Turkey since Ataturk”

- Cleveland, *History of the Modern Middle East*, chapters 18, 19 and 20
- Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapters 9 and 10

– **Week 11** –

11. The *Intifadas* and the Gulf Wars

Monday, November 26 – Guest lecture by Professor **Ibrahim Warde**

- Cleveland *History of the Modern Middle East*, chapters 21, 22, 23 and 24
- Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, chapters 11 and 12
- Lewis article: “Freedom and Justice”

– *Week 12* –

12. **Holy and Unholy War**

Monday, December 3

- Esposito, *What Everyone Should Know About Islam*, entire book
- Pape article: “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism”

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.* –

– *Week 13* –

13. **In-class FINAL exam**

Monday, December 10 (last class)

– *The **FINAL EXAM** is comprehensive, and will take place in-class. It cannot be rescheduled.* –