
York University

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History 3792 6.0A

The Middle East Since 1800

Mondays and Wednesdays 11:30-1:00pm

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Course Description and Objectives:

This course introduces students to the main socio-political events, forces, and processes in the Middle East since 1800. More specifically it examines:

- Social, political, cultural, and economic transformations and developments in the region.
- Encounters of Islam and 'modernity' and the resurgence of political Islam.
- Political economy of colonialism and imperialism in the region.
- Nationalism, revolution, and war in the Middle East.
- Prospects for democracy and development in the countries of the region.

Textbooks :

Required

1. William L. Cleveland, A History of the Modern Middle East.
2. Joel Beinin and Joe Stork (eds.), Political Islam, Essays from Middle East Report.
3. Deniz Kandiyoti, Women, Islam, & the State.
4. Mehran Kamrava, The Modern Middle East.

Recommended

1. M.E. Yapp, The Making of the Modern Near East (1792-1923).
2. Richards and Waterbury, A Political Economy of the Middle East.
3. Joel Benin, Workers and Peasants in the Modern Middle East.
4. Roger Owen, State, Power and Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East.
5. Valentine M. Moghadam, Modernizing Women: Gender and Social Change in the Middle East.

EVALUATION

	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Attendance	10%	Regular attendance is required.		
Quiz (Fall)	5%	Fifteen minutes	Locating cities and countries on the map.	Oct 5, in class
Country Report	5%	3-4 pages	Will be discussed in class	Dec 7, in class
Mid-Term exam	25%	3:00 hours	Essays and concepts	During the exam period
Essay	25%	10-12 pages, Excluding the title page & bibliography (About 2500 words)	Will be discussed in class	April 5, in class
Final Exam	25 %	3:00 hours	Essays and concepts.	During the exam period

***See the course website for more information about the assignments**

PLEASE NOTE

- **Late Papers:** Late assignments will be penalized at 5% per day (including weekends). Assignments later than 7 days past the deadline will not be graded.
- **Extensions:** Extended due date may be granted only under the following conditions: (1) must be accompanied by a doctor's note, if sickness or injury is claimed, or properly documented for other serious and unavoidable circumstances; (2) must be based on a **COMPELLING REASON** and requested in **writing** at least **ONE WEEK** in advance of the due date. Extenuating circumstances do not extend to computer problems, busy schedules, lost disks, weddings, vacations, etc.
- Those who seek extensions because of illness must submit an **'Attending Physician Statement'** form: http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/pdf/petitions/attending_physician_statement.pdf
- All work must be typed and meet academic standards. Work that does not meet the length requirements will not be accepted.
- Please **DO NOT** slip your assignments under my office door.
- Please **turn off** any beepers or cell phones prior to the beginning of class.
- **Laptops** are only allowed for note taking purposes.
- Students are expected to **arrive on time and stay for the entire class**.
- Please do not bring **food** to class. Eating is disruptive and impedes your ability to learn and/or participate in discussion.
- **Important information for students** regarding the Ethics Review process, Access/Disability, Academic Honesty/Integrity, Student Conduct, and Religious Observance Days is available on the Senate webpage: http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate_cte_main_pages/ccas.htm
- **Email Policy:** In general, questions about substantive issues of course material must be asked in class. Provide your details: if you do not include your name, student number and course name or number, I may not know who you are. Put the course # in the subject area of your email.

Final Grade is determined according to the following scale: A+ 90-100; A 80-89.9; B+ 75-79.9; B 70-74.9; C+ 65-69.9; C 60-64.9; D+ 55-59.9; D 50-54.9; E 40-49.9; F 0-39.9

Students With Special Needs: Students with physical, psychological or learning disabilities may request reasonable accommodations in teaching style or evaluation methods, as outlined in the York University Senate Policy on Students with Special Needs. They should advise the Course Director and the Teaching Assistant at the earliest opportunity, so that appropriate arrangements may be made.

Religious Observances: Should students require accommodation because of religious observance reasons, please contact the Course Director at the earliest opportunity.

Weekly Reading Schedule (Fall Term)	
Week I Sept. 7-11	Introduction: Course Structure and Requirements
No Readings	
Week II Sept. 14-18	Approaches, Theories, and Historical Background
Kamrava, 1.1: pp. 9-35 Some Theories of Universal History (PDF) Ibn Kaldun and the Rise and Fall of Empires (online)	
Week III Sept. 21-25	18th/19th Century Middle East: Politics, Economics and Society Sept 15- Islam, Empire of Faith (Video 1596)
Foran, "The Long Fall of the Safavid Dynasty" (PDF) Heper, "Center and Periphery in the Ottoman Empire" (PDF)	
Week IV Sept. 28- Oct 2	18th/19th Century Middle East: Politics, Economics and Society
Cleveland, Part I: pp. 1-57 Foran, "The Concept of Dependent Development as a Key to the Political Economy of Qajar Iran (1800-1925)" (PDF) Mardin, "Power, Civil Society and Culture in the Ottoman Empire"(PDF) Inalcik, "Capital Formation in the Ottoman Empire" (PDF)	
Week V Oct. 5-9	19th Century Middle East: World Order, Global Economy, Colonial Powers and Imperialism Oct 5: Map quiz
Pamuk, "The Ottoman Empire in the "Great Depression" of 1873-1896." (PDF) Malek, "Capitalism in Nineteenth-Century Iran." (PDF) Scholch, "Britain in Palestine, 1838-1892."(PDF)	
Week VI Oct 12 -16	Reading Week
Week VII Oct. 19-23	Responding to Internal and External Pressures and Processes: Reform or Reaction?
Hunter, "State-Society Relations in 19 th Century Egypt: The Years of Transition." (PDF) Cleveland, pp. 57-81	
Week VIII Oct. 26-30	Responding to Internal and External Pressures and Processes: Reform or Reaction?
Cleveland, pp. 81-133	

Week IX Nov. 2-6	Social Forces in the Making of History: Nationalism and Revolution in 19/20th Century M.E.
Cleveland, pp . 133-149 Kandiyoti, Ch. 2 Makdisi, "Debating Religion, Reform, and Nationalism in the Ottoman Empire." (PDF)	
Week X Nov. 9-13	Social Forces in the Making of History: Nationalism and Revolution in 19/20th Century M.E.
Sohrabi, "Historicizing Revolutions: Constitutional Revolutions in the Ottoman Empire, Iran, and Russia: 1905-1908." (PDF) Abrahamian, "The Causes of the Constitutional Revolution in Iran." (PDF)	
Week X I Nov. 16-20	The Middle East in World War I: the End of Ottoman Empire and Foreign Interventions in Iran, Egypt, and Palestine
Cleveland, pp. 149-171 Zirinsky, "Imperial Power and Dictatorship: Britain and the Rise of Reza Shah, 1921-1926." (PDF) Tanenbaum, "France and the Arab middle East, 1914-1920." (PDF)	
Week XII Nov. 23-27	Geopolitical and Social Reconfiguration of the Middle East: State Formation in the Middle East: 1914-1945
Kamrava, pp. 35-67 Cleveland, 175-193	
Week XIII Nov 30-Dec 4	The Age of Nationalism and the Struggle for Independence
Kandiyoti, "Nationalism and Colonial Legacy in the Middle East and Central Asia." (PDF) Kamrava, pp. 67-107 Cleveland, pp. 193-273	
Week XIV Dec 7-	Exam Review Country Reports Due

Weekly Reading Schedule (Winter Term)

Week I Jan 4-8	World War II, The Middle East, and the United States
N. Fatemi, "The United States in the Changing Middle East." PDF (website) M. A. Fitzsimons, "Britain and the Middle East, 1944-1950." PDF (website)	
Week II Jan 11-15	Neo-Colonialism, the Cold War and the Middle East: Dependency, Democracy and Authoritarianism in Iran & Turkey
Cleveland, Ch 14	
Week III Jan 18-22	Neo-Colonialism, the Cold War and the Middle East: Dependency, Democracy and Authoritarianism in Iraq and Egypt
Cleveland, Chs. 15 & 16	
Week IV Jan 25-29	Neo-Colonialism, the Cold War and the Middle East: Dependency, Democracy and Authoritarianism in Afghanistan, Persian Gulf States, Syria, and Lebanon
Cleveland, Chs. 18, 19, 21	
Week V Feb 1-5	The Origins and Development of Mid-East Conflicts: Israel, Palestine, and the Arab World 1948-1980
Cleveland, Ch. 17 Kamrava, Ch. 4	
Week VI Feb 8-12	The 1979 Iranian Revolution: The Causes and the Aftermath
Kamrava, Ch. 5 Ervand Abrahamian, "Ali Shari'ati: Ideologue of the Iranian Revolution" PDF Ervand Abrahamian, "The Guerrilla Movement in Iran, 1963-1977" PDF Ahmad Ashraf: "Bazaar and Mosque in Iran's Revolution" PDF	
Week VII Feb 15-19	Reading Week
Week VIII Feb 22-26	The 1979 Iranian Revolution: The Causes and the Aftermath
Fred Halliday, "Year Three of the Iranian Revolution" PDF	

Benin & Stork, Ch. 9 ** Additional readings on the website	
Week IX March 1-5	The Resurgence of Political Islam in the Middle East and its Implications
Cleveland, Ch. 20 Benin & Stork, Ch. 1,4, 31	
Week X March 8-12	The Development of Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Since the Camp David Accord
Kamrava, Ch. 7 Beinin & Stork, Ch. 29, 30 Ghazi-Walid Falah, "The Geopolitics of 'Enclavisation' and the Demise of Two-State Solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." PDF (website)	
Week XI March 15-18	Women, Religion and Politics in the Middle East
Kandiyoti, Chs. 1, 3, 7,8 Beinin & Stork, Ch. 16	
Week XII March 22-26	The End of the Cold War and US Drive for Empire: From Gulf War I to the "The War on Terror"
Kamrava, Ch. 169 Cleveland, Chs. 22-23	
Week XIII March 29- April 2	The Middle East in the 21st Century: Imperialist Challenges and Internal Dynamics <i>Globalization, War & Peace, Democracy, and Development</i>
Kamrava, Chs. 8-11	
Week XIV April 5	Exam Review Submit your research paper