

ATA 554
HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST
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Thursday 10.00- 13.00
Office hours: Tuesday 13.00- 16.00
Thursday 14.00- 17.00

Course Description

This course is on the themes and debates in the modern history of the Middle Eastern societies. The course will examine selected aspects of politics and society in the Middle East and will cover the period from the late Ottoman rule up until recent times. It will explore a number of theoretical and methodological questions related to the study of the Middle East. The extent of the course is not limited to high politics, but it aims to present a bottom-up approach to the histories of colonialism, state-making, nationalism, decolonization and state-society relations in the post-colonial period.

Requirements:

- 1- Active participation in classroom discussions. Each student will be assigned for one of the 13 weeks' readings and critically present the weekly material in the first 15 minutes of the class. (20 %).
- 2- Five position papers, 4-6 pages in length (30 %).
- 3- One research paper, 15-20 pages in length (due at the end of the semester) (50 %).

Please, familiarize yourself with a map, timeline, and glossary. A variety of Middle East maps are available at:

https://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/middle_east.html

<http://gulf2000.columbia.edu/maps.shtml>

Some useful sources on the Middle East:

The Middle East Research and Information Project (www.merip.org)

www.jadaliyya.org

www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com

<http://hazine.info> (online resources and useful guide to libraries and archives)

<http://almashriq.hiof.no/>

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1 (25 September): Introduction: main goals and structure

Week 2 (2 October): Historical Origins, Theoretical Approaches and Conceptual Tools I

Zachary Lockman, "Introduction", "In the Beginnings", "Islam, The West and the Rest", "Orientalism and Empire" in *Contending Visions of the Middle East: The History and Politics of Orientalism*, (Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 1-99.

Edward Said, "Introduction" and "Knowing the Oriental", in *Orientalism*, (NY: Vintage Books, 1978), pp. 1-28 and 31- 49.

<http://ebookbrowse.com/edward-said-orientalism-pdf-d64686549>

Anouar Abdel-Malik, "Orientalism in Crisis", *Diogenes*, 44, winter 1963, pp. 104- 112.

Hüseyin Yılmaz, "The Eastern Question and the Ottoman Empire" in Michael Bonine, Abbas Amanat and Michael E. Gasper, (eds.), *Is There a Middle East? The Evolution of a Geopolitical Concept* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2012), pp. 11- 35.

Edmund Burke III and David Prochaska "Orientalism from Postcolonial Theory and World History" in Edmund Burke III and Prochaska , "Geneologies of Orientalism", pp. 1- 21.
http://books.google.co.uk/books?hl=en&lr=&id=2YDKENcsu50C&oi=fnd&pg=PP11&dq=david+prochaska+orientalism&ots=7_-stcVHiF&sig=0C8IETLc-nLApUJmjtmaqP_nn7o#v=onepage&q=david%20prochaska%20orientalism&f=false

Walter Armbrust, "Introduction," Walter Armbrust (ed.) *Mass Mediations: New Approaches to Popular Culture in the Middle East and Beyond* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000).

<http://texts.cdlib.org/xtf/view?docId=ft8k4008kx&chunk.id=ch1>.

Recommended Readings:

Lila Abu Lughod, "Anthropology's Orient: The Boundaries of Theory in the Arab World", in Hisham Sharabi (ed.), *Theory, Politics and Arab World, Critical responses* (London: Routledge University Press: 1990), pp. 81- 131.

Bernard Lewis, *What Went Wrong*, (NY: Oxford Uni. Press, 2002). For the nucleus of the arguments, see the below link

<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2002/01/what-went-wrong/2387/>

Adam Sabra, "What is Wrong with What Went Wrong?", *MERIP*, August 2003.

http://www.merip.org/mero/interventions/sabra_interv.html

Zachary Lockman, "Behind the Battles of US Middle East Studies,"

http://www.merip.org/mero/interventions/lockman_interv.html

Lisa Anderson, "Scholarship, Policy, Debate and Conflict: Why We Study the Middle East and Why It Matters," *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 38, 1 (June 2004), pp. 2-15
<http://fp.arizona.edu/mesassoc/Bulletin/Pres%20Addresses/Anderson.htm>

Week 3 (9 October): The Middle East and the Ottoman Empire

Eugene Rogan, "The Arab Challenge to the Ottoman rule", in Eugene Rogan, *The Arabs, A History*, (London: Penguin, 2011), pp. 48- 134.

Beshara Doumani, *Rediscovering Palestine*, (Introduction), (Berkeley, UC Press, 1995), Introduction and Chapter 1, The meanings of Autonomy, pp. 1-15.
(<http://ark.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/ft896nb5pc/>)

Dina Rizk Khoury, *State and Provincial Society in the Ottoman Empire: Mosul, 1540-1834* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999), Chap.2.

Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet, *Frontier Fictions: Shaping the Iranian Nation, 1804-1946* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999), Introduction.

Albert Hourani, 'The Ottoman background of the modern Middle East' in Albert Hourani, *The Emergence of the Modern Middle East*, London, Macmillan, 1979, pp. 1-18.

Rif'at Ali Abou el-Haj, "The Social Uses of the Past: Recent Arab Historiography of Ottoman Rule," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 14(2), 1982, pp. 185-201.

James Reilly, Ottoman Syria: Social History through an Urban Lens, *History Compass*, vol.10, 2012.
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1478-0542.2011.00817.x/pdf>

Ussama Makdisi, "Ottoman Orientalism," *American Historical Review*, 107(3), 2002, pp. 768-796.

Thomas Kühn, "Shaping and Reshaping Colonial Ottomanism: Contesting Boundaries of Difference and Integration in Ottoman Yemen, 1872-1919", *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, 27(2), 2007, pp. 315-331.

Selim Deringil, "They Live in a State of Nomadism and Savagery': The Late Ottoman Empire and the Post-Colonial Debate," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 45 (2), 2003, pp.311- 342.

Recommended Readings:

Khaled Fahmy, "The Era of Muhammad 'Ali Pasha, 1805-1848," *Cambridge History of Egypt: Vol.2*, pp. 139-180.

Abdul-Karim Rafeq, "A different balance of power: European expansionism and the Middle East in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries", in Youssef M. Choueiri (ed.), *A Companion to the History of the Middle East* (Malden, MA : Blackwell Pub., 2005), chapter 12.

Albert Hourani, 'The Ottoman background of the modern Middle East' in Albert Hourani, *The Emergence of the Modern Middle East*, London, Macmillan, 1979, pp. 1-18.

Albert Hourani, "Ottoman reform and Politics of Notables", in Albert Hourani, Philip Khoury and Mary Wilson, *The Modern Middle East*, pp. 83- 110.

Philip Shukri Khoury, "The Urban Notables Paradigm revisited" , *Revue du monde musulman et de la Méditerranée*, 1990, 55-56, pp. 215-230

Linda Schilcher, "Violence in Rural Syria in the 1890s and 1890s" in *Peasants and Politics in the Modern Middle East* (eds.) Farhad Kazami and John Waterbury, (Miami: Florida University Press, 1991), pp. 50- 84.

Week 4 (23 October): Western Colonialism in the Middle East

Eugene Rogan, "The First Wave of Colonialism in the Middle East: North Africa" in *The Arabs, A History*, (London: Penguin, 2011), pp. 134- 196.

Julia A. Clancy-Smith, *Mediterraneans*, (Berkeley: University of California Press), 2011, Chapter 6, "From Protection to Protectorate", pp. 199-246.

Glen Balfour-Paul, "Britain's Informal Empire in the Middle East" in William Roger Louis et al (eds), *The Oxford History of the British Empire*, vol.4, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001).

Peter Sluglett, "Colonialism, the Ottomans, the Qajars, and the struggle for independence: the Arab world, Turkey, and Iran" in Youssef M. Choueiri (ed.), *A Companion to the History of the Middle East* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2005), chapter 13.

Peter Sluglett, 'Formal and Informal Empire in the Middle East', in Robin W. Winks (ed.), *The Oxford History of the British Empire : Volume V, Historiography*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1999, pp. 416-436.

James Mc Dougall, "The British and French empires in the Arab world: Some problems of colonial state-formation and its legacy", in Raymond A. Hinnebusch and Sally N. Cummings (ed.), *Sovereignty after empire: Comparing the Middle East and Central Asia*, (NY, Edinburgh University Press, 2011), ch. 3.

Beinin, Joel. *Workers and Peasants in the Modern Middle East* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001), pp. 44-70.

Week 5 (30 October): Post World War I Settlement and the Mandates

Eugene Rogan, "Divide and Rule", in *The Arabs, A History*, (London: Penguin, 2011), pp. 182- 216.

James Gelvin, *The modern Middle East: A history*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 171- 185.

Roger Owen, *State, Power and Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East*, (London, NY: Routledge, 2004), pp. 5- 22.

<http://www.ius.edu.ba/hkorkut/ME%20in%20WP/State%20Power%20and%20Politics.pdf>

Peter Sluglett, *Les Mandats/ The mandates: Some reflections on the nature of the British presence in Iraq (1914- 1932) and the French presence in Syria (1918- 1946)*, in Peter Sluglett and Nadine Méouchy (eds.), *The British and French mandates in comparative perspectives/Les mandats français et anglais dans une perspective comparative*, (Leiden, Brill, 2004), pp. 103-28.

Recommended Readings:

Philip Shukri Khoury, *Syria and the French Mandate; the Politics of Arab Nationalism, 1920-1945*, (Princeton NJ, Princeton University Press, 1987), pp. 44-94.

Michael Province, 'Liberal Colonialism' and Martial Law in French Mandate Syria', in Christoph Schumann (ed.), *Liberal thought in the Eastern Mediterranean. Late 19th Century until the 1960s*, Brill, Leiden & Boston 2008, 51-74.

Orit Bashkin, " 'Out of Place': Home and Empire in the Works of Mahmud Ahmad al-Sayyid and Dhu Nun Ayyub, *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*," 28:3 (2008), pp. 428-442

Max Weiss, *In the shadow of sectarianism : law, Shi'ism, and the making of modern Lebanon* (Cambridge, Mass. : Harvard University Press, 2010), Prologue, pp. 1-38.

Week 6 (7 November): Nationalisms

Israel Gershoni and James Jankowski (eds.), "Introduction" and "Rethinking t'he Formation of Arab Nationalism in the Middle East, 1920-1945: Old and New Narratives", in *Rethinking Nationalism in the Arab Middle East*, (NY: Columbia University Press, 1997).

Mary C. Wilson, "The Hashemites, the Arab Revolt and Arab Nationalism", in Rashid Khalidi, Lisa Anderson, Muhammad Muslim and Reeva S. Simon (eds.), *The Origins of Arab Nationalism*, (New York: Columbia University Press, 1991), pp. 3-31.

Rashid Khalidi, "Arab Nationalism: Historical Problems in the Literature," *The American Historical Review*, 96/5. (Dec., 1991), pp. 1363-1373 .

Michael Eppel, "The Elite, the Effendiyya, and the Growth of Nationalism and Pan-Arabism in Hashemite Iraq," 1921-1958," *IJMES* Vol. 30, No. 2 (1998), 227-250.

Ted Swedenburg, 'The Role of the Palestinian Peasantry in the Great revolt (1936-1939)', in Edmund Burke III and Ira Lapidus (eds.), *Islam, Politics and Social Movements*, (Berkeley and Los Angeles, California University Press, 1988), pp. 169-203.

Recommended readings:

On this subject, I recommend reading the short responses to the question, "Arab nationalism: has a new framework emerged?" published by four different historians in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, vol. 41, no. 1 (February 2009).

The articles by four different historians *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol.43 - Special Issue 02 (Relocating Arab Nationalism), 2011.

Week 7 (13 November): Modernisation in the post-colonial era

Eugene Rogan, *The Arabs, A History*, (London: Penguin, 2011), pp. 349- 400.

Zachary Lockman, *Contending visions of the Middle East: the history and politics of Orientalism*, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004)p. 99- 147.

Joel Beinin, "Capital, and the State in Nasserist Egypt, 1952-1961," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 21,1 (Feb. 1989), pp.71-90.

James Jankowski, "Arab Nationalism in "Nasserism" and Egyptian State Policy, 1952-1958," in *Rethinking Arab Nationalism* [<http://www.ciaonet.org/book/jankowski/jank08.html>]

Ervand Abrahamian, *Iran Between Two Revolutions*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1982), pp. 102-169.

Salwa Ismail, "Changing Social Structure, Shifting Alliances and Authoritarianism in Syria", Fred Lawson (ed.), *Demystifying Syria*. (London: Saqi, 2009), pp. 13-28.

Lisa Weeden, Acting "As If": Symbolic Politics and Social Control in Syria", *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 40 (1998), pp. 503-523

Week 8 (20 November): Making of minorities in the Middle East

Ussama Makdisi, "Reconstructing the Nation-State: The Modernity of Secularism in Lebanon" in *Minorities in the Middle East: Power and the Politics of Difference*, *Middle East Report*, 200, (Summer 1996).

<http://www.merip.org/mer/mer200/mer200.html>

Paul Silverstein, "States of Fragmentation in North Africa", *Middle East Report*, 237 (Winter, 2005), pp. 26-33.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/30042472>

Laura Robson, Recent Perspectives on Christianity in the Modern Arab World, *History Compass*, vol.9 , 2011.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1478-0542.2011.00767.x/pdf>

James Mc Dougall, Histories of heresy and salvation. Arabs, Berbers, community and the state", in Katherine Hoffman and Susan Gilson Miller (eds.), *Berbers and others: Beyond tribe and nation in the Maghrib*, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010), ch.1

Sami Zubaida, Community, Class and Politics in Iraqi Politics, in Robert Fernea and Roger Louis (eds.), *The Iraqi revolution of 1958*, (London : IB Tauris, 1991) pp. 197- 210.

Amir Hassanpour, "The Kurdish Experience", *MERI89* , Vol. 24. July/August 1994
http://www.merip.org/mer/mer189/kurdish-experience?ip_login_no_cache=c448b1ba2f156d178546be3f9ea3029e

Nicola Migliorino, "'Kulna suriyyin?'" The Armenian community and the state in contemporary Syria", in *La Syrie au quotidien. Cultures et pratiques du changement*, special issue of *Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée*, nos. 115-116 (2006), 97-115.

Recommended readings:

Mesut Yeğen, "The Kurdish Question in Turkish State Discourse," *Journal of Contemporary History*, 34(4), 1999, pp. 555-568.

Nilay Özok-Gündoğan, "Social Development" as a Governmental strategy in the Southeastern Anatolia Project, *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 32, 2005, pp. 93-111.

Martin van Bruinessen, "Constructions of ethnic identity in the late Ottoman Empire and Republican Turkey: The Kurds and their Others", paper presented at the workshop "Social identities in the late Ottoman Empire", Department of Middle Eastern Studies, New York University, March 8. 1997.

http://www.let.uu.nl/~martin.vanbruinessen/personal/publications/constructions_of_ethnic_identity.htm

Amalia Sa'ar, "Carefully on the margins: Christian-Palestinians in Haifa between nation and state", *American Ethnologist*. 25, 2(1998) pp. 214-239

Week 9 (27 November): Political Islam

Joel Beinin and Joe Stork, "On the Modernity, Historical Specificity, and International Context of Political Islam", in Joel Beinin and Joe Stork, *Political Islam: Essays from Middle East Report*, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997), pp. 3-25.

Sami Zubaida, "Religion, the State and Democracy: Contrasting Conceptions of Society in Egypt", in Joel Beinin and Joe Stork, *Political Islam: Essays from Middle East Report*, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997), pp. 51-63.

Edmund Burke III, "Islam and Social Movements: Methodological reflections" in Edmund Burke III and Ira Lapidus (eds.), *Islam, Politics and Social Movements*, pp. 17- 35.

Asef Bayat, "Revolution without movement, Movement without Revolution: Comparing Islamic Activism in Iran and Egypt in 1960- 1980," in Asef Bayat ,*Making Islam Democratic Social Movements and the Post-Islamist Turn*, (Stanford : Stanford Uni. Press, 2007), pp. 16-48.

Thomas Pierret, "The Syrian Baath Party and Sunni Islam: Conflicts and Connivance", *Middle East Brief* 77, February 2014.
<http://www.brandeis.edu/crown/publications/meb/MEB77.pdf>

Recommended Readings:

James Gelvin, *The modern Middle East: A history*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 282- 303.

Talal Asad, "The Construction of Religion as an Anthropological Category", in Talal Asad, *Genealogies of Religion. Discipline and Reasons of Power in Christianity and Islam*, Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1993. pp. 27-54.

Cihan Tuğal, "Islamism in Turkey: Beyond Instrument and Meaning", *Economy and Society*, 31, 1 (2002), pp. 85-111.

Sami Zubaida, "Islam and the Politics of Community and Citizenship," *Middle East Report*, 221 (Winter 2001), pp. 20-27.

Salwa Ismail, "The Paradox of Islamist Politics," *Middle East Report*, 221 (Winter 2001), pp. 34-39.

Ervand Abrahamian, *Iran Between Two Revolutions*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1982), pp. 496- 537.

Week 10 (4 December): Gender

Judith Tucker, *In the House of Law, Gender and Islamic Law in 19th century Syria and Palestine*, Berkeley, (UC Press, 2000), Introduction and Conclusion.

Deniz Kandiyoti, Contemporary Feminist Scholarship and Middle East Studies, in Deniz Kandiyoti (ed.), *Gendering the Middle East: Emerging Perspectives*, (London: I.B. Tauris, 1996), pp. 1-27.

Lila Abu-Lughod, Feminist Longings and Postcolonial Conditions, in Leila Abu-Lughod, (ed.) *Remaking Women: Feminism and Modernity in the Middle East*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998), pp. 3-31.

Nadje al-Ali, *Secularism, Gender and the State in the Middle East, The Egyptian Women's Movement*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000), pp. pp. 51- 85.

Recommended reading:

Suad Joseph, "Gendering Citizenship in the Middle East", in Suad Joseph, *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*, (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2000), pp. 3-30.

Deniz Kandiyoti, Some awkward questions on women and modernity in Turkey, in Leila Abu-Lughod, (ed.) *Remaking Women: Feminism and Modernity in the Middle East*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998), pp. 270- 288.

Week 11 (11 December): The Palestinian issue

Joel Beinin and Lisa Hajjar, "Palestine, Israel and the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Primer," available at:

http://www.merip.org/palestine-israel_primer/toc-pal-isr-primer.html

<http://www.democracynow.org/finkelstein-benami.shtml>

James Gelvin, *The modern Middle East: A history*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 271- 281.

Ahmad H. Sa'di and Lila abu-Lughod, *Nakba, Palestine 1948 and the claims of memory*, (NY: Columbia Univ. Press, 2007), Intro, pp. 1- 26.

Rema Hammami and Salim Tamari, "Anatomy of Another Rebellion", *Middle East Report*, 217 (Winter 2000), pp. 2-15.

Charles Smith, The End of the Oslo Process? The Camp David Talks, the Second Intifada, and the Resurgence of Likud, 1999-2003, in Charles Smith, *The Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A History with Documents*, (Boston: Bedford and St. Martin's, 2004), pp. 487-538.

Gary Sussman, "The Challenge to the Two-State Solution", *Middle East Report*, 231 (Summer 2004): 8-15.

<http://www.merip.org/mer/mer231/sussman.html>

Recommended reading:

Edward Said, "Zionism from the Standpoint of its Victims", in Edward Said, *The Question of Palestine*, (New York: Vintage Books, 1979), pp. 56-86.

<http://racismandnationalconsciousnessresources.files.wordpress.com/2008/11/edward-said-zionism-from-the-standpoint-of-its-victims.pdf>

Week 12 (18 December): Globalization and Neo-liberalism

James Gelvin, *The modern Middle East: A history*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 304- 324.

Steven Heydemann, (ed.), *Networks of Privilege in the Middle East: The Politics of Economic Reform Revisited* (NY: Palgrave, 2004)

Zachary Lockman, *Contending Visions of the Middle East: The History and Politics of Orientalism* (London: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2004), pp. 215- 272.

Joel Beinin, "Late capitalism and the Reformation of the Working Classes in the Middle East", in Israel Gershoni, Hakan Erdem and Ursula Woköck (eds.) *Histories of the Modern Middle East, New Directions*, (London: Lynne Rienner, 2002), pp. 113- 133

Bassam Haddad, "Enduring Legacies: The Politics of Private Sector Development in Syria", In Fred H. Lawson (ed), *Demystifying Syria*, (London: Saqi, 2009), pp. 29- 56.

Joel Beinin and Hossam el-Hamalawy, "Egyptian Textile Workers Confront the New Economic Order," *Middle East Report Online*, March 25, 2007.
<http://www.merip.org/mero/mero032507.html>

Week 13 (25 December): Review and Reflections on the recent uprisings in the Middle East