

ATA 554
History of the Modern Middle East
(Fall 2022)

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Course Description

This course is on the themes and debates in the history of the modern Middle East. 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 region. 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

- Active participation in classroom discussions. (20 %).
- Three position papers, 3-5 pages in length and one presentation (40 %).
- One term paper, 10 pages in length (due at the end of the semester) (40 %).

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 are as follows:

www.jadaliyya.org

www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com

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

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

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

<http://akkasah.org/results/?filter=location%3ELuxor,%20Egypt;&queries=&pageid=1>

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1 (28 September): Introduction: main goals and structure

Omnia al-Shakry, *The Modern Middle East*, (London: University of Wisconsin Press, 2020), Chapter 1 and 2, pp. 15- 48.

Week 2 (5 October): Historical Origins, Theoretical Approaches and Conceptual Tools

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

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

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.

Week 3 (12 October): Ottoman Empire and the Arab provinces in the 19th century I

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

Dina Rizk Khoury, "Where are the Ottomans in the Historiography of the Twentieth Century Fertile Crescent?" in *Osmanlı Araştırmaları* (36) 2010, 207- 224.

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

Beshara Doumani, *Rediscovering Palestine*, (Introduction), (Berkeley, UC Press, 1995), Introduction and Chapter 1, pp. 1-15.

Ilham Khuri-Makdisi, "Ottoman Arabs in Istanbul, 1860-1914: Perceptions of Empire, Experiences of the Metropole through the Writings of Aḥmad Fāris al-Shidyāq, Muḥammad Rashīd Riḍā, and Jirjī Zaydān", in Bazzaz S. et al. (ed.) *Imperial Geographies in Byzantine and Ottoman Space*, (Washington DC: Centre for Hellenic Studies, 2013), pp. 254-295.

Recommended readings:

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

James Gelvin, "The 'Politics of Notables' Forty Years After," *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 40/1 (2006): pp. 21-29.

Week 4 (19 October): Ottoman Empire and the Arab provinces in the 19th century II

Cyrus Schayegh, "Rise of an Urban Patchwork Region" in *The Middle East and the Making of the Modern World* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2017), pp. 34- 95.

Martha Mundy, "The state of property: late Ottoman Southern Syria (the Kaza Aclun, 1875-1918)", H. Islamoglu (ed.), *Constituting modernity: Private property in the East and West*, (London: IB Tauris, 2004).

Pascale Ghazaleh, "Trading in Power: Merchants and the State in 19th-Century Egypt," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 45:1, 2013, pp. 71–91.

Kristen Alff, "Levantine Joint-Stock Companies, Trans-Mediterranean Partnerships, and Nineteenth-Century Capitalist Development", *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, cilt 60, sayı 1 (2018): 150-177.

Week 5 (26 October): The Empire in the Middle East I

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

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.

Timothy Mitchell, *Rule of Experts: Egypt, Techno-Politics, Modernity* (LA: University of California Press, 2002). Chapter 2, Principles True in Every Country, pp. 52- 78.

Cyrus Schayegh, *The Middle East and the Making of the Modern World* (NY: Harvard University Press, 2017), Chapter 2 and 3, pp. 96- 199.

Muriam Haleh Davis, "Colonial Capitalism and Imperial Myth in French North Africa" in Joel Beinin et al. (ed.) *A Critical Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa*, (LA: Stanford University Press, February 2021), pp. 161- 178.

Recommended Readings:

Abd al-Rahman al-Jabarti, *Al-Jabarti's Chronicle of the French occupation of Egypt (1798)*, (Marcus Wiener Publishers, 1997), pp. 3-15, 101-111, 167-180.

Week 6 (2 November): Post World War I Middle East and the Empire II

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

Cyrus Schayegh, *The Middle East and the Making of the Modern World* (NY: Harvard University Press, 2017), Chapter 2 and 3, pp. 132- 198.

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), pp. 44- 65

Laura Robson, *States of Separation: Transfer, Partition and the Making of the Modern Middle East* (LA: UCLA Press, 2017), Chapter 2, The Refugee Regime, pp. 35- 64.

Martin Bunton, "Demarcating the British Colonial State: Land Settlement in the Jiftlik Villages of Sajad and Qazaza" in Roger Owen, (ed.), *New Perspectives on Property and Land in the Middle East* (Cambridge, MA, Harvard University Press, 2000), pp. 121- 158.

Toufoul Abou Hodeib, "Sanctity across the Border: Pilgrimage Routes and State Control in Mandate Lebanon and Palestine," in *The Routledge Handbook of the History of the Middle East Mandates*, (Routledge, 2015), pp. 383-394.

Recommended Readings:

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

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.

Michael Provence, "French Mandate Counterinsurgency and the Repression of the Great Syrian Revolt," in *The Routledge Handbook of the History of the Middle East Mandates*, (Routledge, 2015), pp. 136- 152.

Week 7 (9 November): Arab Nationalisms

Sarah Pursley, "Colonialism, Empire and National Movements", in *The Modern Middle East*, (London: University of Wisconsin Press, 2020), pp.68- 84.

Israel Gershoni and James Jankowski (eds.), "Introduction" and "Rethinking the 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.

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.

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.

Recommended Readings:

"Arab nationalism: has a new framework emerged?" published by four different historians in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 43(2), *Special Issue 02 (Relocating Arab Nationalism)*, 2011.

Week 8 (23 November): Decolonization and the post-colonial era

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

Muriam Haleh Davis, "Decolonization and the Reconfiguration of the Global Order", in *The Modern Middle East*, (London: University of Wisconsin Press, 2020), pp.85- 100.

Zachary Lockman, *Contending visions of the Middle East: the history and politics of Orientalism*, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004), pp. 100- 148.

Joel Beinin, "Populist nationalism, state-led development, and authoritarian regimes, 1939–1973", in *Workers and Peasants in the Modern Middle East* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2001). pp. 114- 141.

Jens Hanssen, "Communism in the Middle East and North Africa: From Comintern Parties to Marxist-Leninist Movements", in *The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Middle-Eastern and North African History*, (Oxford University Press, 2021), pp. 196- 224.

Recommended Readings

Todd Shepard, "Decolonization and the Republic", in Edward Berenson, Vincent Duclert and Christophe Prochasson (eds.), *The French Republic: History, Values, Debates* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2011).

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

Week 9 (30 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>

Heather J. Sharkey, "History Rhymes? Late Ottoman Millets and Post-Ottoman Minorities in the Middle East" *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 50:4 (2018), pp. 760-764.

Max Weiss, "Prologue: Shi'ism, Sectarianism, Modernity" in *In the Shadow of Sectarianism: Law, Shi'ism, and the Making of Modern Lebanon* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2010), pp. 1-37.

Shira Robinson, *Citizen Strangers: Palestinians and the Birth of Israel's Liberal Settler State*, (Stanford, Stanford University Press, 2013, "Citizenship as a Category of Exclusion", Chapter 3.

Joanne Randa Nucho, *Everyday Sectarianism in Urban Lebanon: Infrastructures, Public Services, and Power* (NY: Princeton University Press, 2017). Chapter 2.

Saba Mahmood, "To Be or Not to be a Minority" in *Religious Difference in a Secular Age: A Minority Report* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2016), pp. 66-107.

Recommended Readings:

Janet Klein, "Conflict and Collaboration: rethinking Kurdish Armenian relations in the Hamidian period", 1876-1909, *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, 13(1-2), 2007, pp. 153-166.

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.

Hişyar Özsoy, "The Kurds' ordeal with Turkey in a transforming Middle East" *Dialectical Anthropology*, 37(1), 2013, pp. 103-111.

Paul Silverstein, "States of Fragmentation in North Africa", *Middle East Report*, 237 (Winter, 2005), pp. 26-33. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/30042472>

Hiba Bou Akar, *For the War Yet To Come, Planning Beirut's Frontiers*, (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2018), Prologue and Constructing Sectarian Geographies, pp. 1- 34.

Week 10 (7 December): Political Islam (tba)

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.

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

Zachary Lockman, *Contending Visions of the Middle East: The History and Politics of Orientalism* (London: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2004), pp. 216-236.

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>

Sherine Hafez, "New Approaches to the Anthropology of Islamic Movements: Women's Activism and the Question of Subjectivity " in *The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Middle-Eastern and North African History*, (Oxford University Press, 2021), pp. 500–511.

Week 11 (14 December): Gender

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.

Khaled Fahmy, "Women, Medicine, and Power in Nineteenth-Century Egypt" in Leila Abu-Lughod, (ed.) *Remaking Women: Feminism and Modernity in the Middle East*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998), pp. 35- 72.

Maya Mikdashi, "How not to Study Gender in the Middle East," *Jadaliyya* March 21, 2012. <http://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/25434/How-Not-to-Study-Gender-in-the-Middle-East>

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.

Hanan Hammad, *Industrial Sexuality: Gender, Urbanization, and Social Transformation in Egypt* (Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2016). Intro.

Recommended Readings:

Lara Deeb, *An Enchanted Modern: Gender and Public Piety in Shi'i Lebanon* (Princeton & Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006), Introduction.

<https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/41129/On-Teaching-Gender-and-Islam-in-the-Middle-East-An-Interview-with-Lila-Abu-Lughod-conducted-by-Jacob-Bessen-41129>

Afsaneh Najmabadi, "Transing and Transpassing across Sex-Gender Walls in Iran" *Women's Studies Quarterly*, 36 (3-4), 2008, pp. 23- 42.

Week 13 (21 December): The Palestinian issue

Joel Beinin and Lisa Hajjar, "Palestine, Israel and the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Primer" http://www.merip.org/palestine-israel_primer/toc-pal-isr-primer.html
<http://www.democracynow.org/finkelstein-benami.shtml>

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.

Eyal Weizman, *Hollow Land: Israel's Architecture of Occupation*, (London: Verso, 2006), Introduction.

Week 14 (tba): Globalization and Neoliberalism

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

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>

Timothy Mitchell, Dreamland: The neoliberalism of your desires, *Middle East Report*, 29(1), 1999, pp.28-33.

Robert Parks, "Claiming Bits and Pieces of the State: Squatting and Appropriation of Public Domain in Algeria", *Middle East Law and Governance*, 11, 2019, pp. 103- 135.

Recommended Readings:

Julia eYachar, Rethinking Anthropology of Neoliberalism in the Middle East, *A Companion to the Anthropology of the Middle East*, pp.411-433.