

THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

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History 139

Textbooks

1. "The Mantle Of The Prophet: Religion and Politics In Iran" by Roy Mottahedeh.
2. "Political and Social Thought in the Contemporary Middle East" by Kemal Karpat.

Course Requirements

There will be a final examination. In addition, each student will write two short book reviews (5 pages maximum). The books reviewed are to be chosen from a selected bibliography which I will hand out at the beginning of the term. The first paper will be due at the end of the second week; the second will be due on Tuesday of the fourth week.

Each of the three written assignments will equal one-third of your final grade. Incompletes cannot be considered, so plan accordingly.

Schedule of Topics

1. Land and Peoples of the Middle East: An Introduction
2. The Ottoman Empire and Iran prior to the First World War
3. European Colonialism and the Disintegration of the Traditional Order.
4. New Ideologies of Resistance to Foreign Domination: Ottomanism, Islamism and Nationalism.
5. World War I and the Post-War Settlement
6. Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon, 1919-1948
7. Zionism and the Palestinians, 1917-1948
8. The Turkish Republic, 1919-1985
9. Iran From the Constitutional Revolution to Reza Shah's Dictatorship, 1906-1941
10. Dr. Mossadegh and the Movement for the Nationalization of the Iranian Oil Industry
11. Egypt under Nasser and Sadat, 1952-1981
12. Lebanon, 1948-1985: From Unity to Civil War
13. The Israeli-Palestinian and the Israeli-Arab Conflict, 1940-1986
14. The Iranian Revolution: Nationalism Islam and Marxism
15. Final Examination

A. IRAN

1. Ervand Abrahamian, "Iran Between Two Revolutions."
2. Bahman Nirumand, "Iran: The New Imperialism In Action."
3. Fred Halliday, "Iran: Dictatorship and Development."
4. Kermit Roosevelt, "Countercoup."
5. Mohamad Reza Pahlavi (Formerly, Shah of Iran), "Answer To History."
6. Ashraf Dehghani, "Torture and Resistance in Iran."
7. Bijan Jazani, "Dependent Capitalism in Iran."
8. Michael M. J. Fischer, "Iran: From Religious Dispute to Revolution."
9. Shaul Bakhash, "The Reign of Ayatollahs."

B. ISRAEL AND ZIONISM

1. Maxime Rodinson, "Israel: The Colonial Settler State."
2. David Ben-Gurion, "Israel: Years of Challenge."
3. Abba Eban, "My People: The Story of the Jews."
4. Y. Beck and D. Zohar, "A Zionist Anthology."
5. Walter Laquer, "A History of Zionism 1600-1918."
6. Chaim Weizmann, "Trial and Error: The Autobiography of Chaim Weizmann."
7. Ehud Ben Ezer, "Unease in Zion."
8. Moshe Davis, "Zionism in Transition."
9. Jacob Hen-Tov, "Communism and Zionism in Palestine."
10. Saul Friedlander and Mahmud Hussein, "Arabs and Israelis: A Dialogue."
11. N. Gordon Leven, Jr. "The Zionist Movement in Palestine and World Politics."

C. PALESTINIANS AND THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

1. Ibrahim Abu-Lughod, "The Transformation of Palestine: Essays on the Origin and Development of the Arab-Israeli Conflict."
2. Elia T. Zureik, "The Palestinians in Israel."

3. Rosemary Sayigh, "Palestinians: From Peasants to Revolutionaries."
4. Edward Saeid, "The Question of Palestine."
5. Y. Porath, "The Emergence of the Palestinian Arab National Movement 1918-1929."
6. Shlomo Arineri, "Israel and the Palestinians."
7. Fred Khouri, "The Arab-Israeli Dilemma."
8. Michael Curtis, "The Palestinians: People, History, Politics."
9. Thomas Kierman, "Arafat, The Man and the Myth."
10. _____, "Our Roots Are Still Alive, The Story of the Palestinian People."

D. TURKEY

1. Kemal H. Karpat, "Turkey's Politics."
2. Ergun Ozbudun, "Social Change and Political Participation in Turkey."
3. Jacob M. Landau, "Radical Politics in Modern Turkey."
4. C. H. Dodd, "Politics and Government in Turkey."
5. _____, "Democracy and Development in Turkey."
6. Kemal H. Karpat, "Social Change and Politics in Turkey."
7. F. Frey, "The Turkish Political Elite."
8. W. M. Hale, "Aspects of Modern Turkey."

E. EGYPT, SYRIA, LEBANON

1. Gamal Abdel Nasser, "The Philosophy of the Revolution."
2. Wilton Wynn, "Nasser of Egypt: The Search for Dignity."
3. Keith Wheelock, "Nasser's New Egypt."
4. Tom Little, "Modern Egypt."
5. Stephen H. Longrigg, "Syria and Lebanon Under French Mandate."
6. Albert H. Hourani, "Syria and Lebanon: A Political Essay."
7. Labib Zuwiyya Yamak, "The Syrian Social Nationalist Party: An Ideological Analysis."