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HINE 116

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00 – 6:20 PM

Warren Lecture Hall 2207

Spring 2019

The Middle East in the Age of European Empires (1798 – 1918)

This course will be an introductory examination into the history of the Middle East from Napoleon’s invasion of Egypt to the end of World War I. Focusing primarily on the territories held (at least nominally) by the Ottoman Empire in Asia and North Africa, it will also examine developments in Iran. Thematically, the course will cover not only political and economic developments in the region, but will emphasize its social and cultural history as well. As such, this course will examine not only the *history* of the Middle East, but also the *historiography* of the Middle East, thus delving into the different ways in which this period has been perceived by historians. By the end of the course, students will not only understand a basic history of the Middle East during this era, but will be able to engage the question of how and why this knowledge is important and relevant today.

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Evaluation

Students will be evaluated primarily through two essay-based examinations: A midterm exam (to be held in class on Thursday, May 2) and a final exam (to be held Thursday, June 13, from 7:00 – 10:00 PM in a location TBD). Please bring a blue book to both examinations, as well as a pen. Pencil is acceptable, but will not be eligible for re-grades. 20% of the course grade will be calculated through in-class “clicker” questions, most of which will assess attendance in lecture rather than evaluate engagement with the readings. The grades will be as follows:

Attendance and Clicker Points: 20%

Midterm: 35%

Final: 45%

Details about the structure of the exams will be provided as the dates approach. All exams are mandatory.

Course Materials

All materials will be available in the “Course Readings” folder in the “Content” section of the TritonEd website. Lecture notes and Power Point presentations will not be posted online, thus attendance at lecture is essential for success in this course.

Class Schedule and Readings

WEEK 1

Tuesday April 2: Introduction to the Course and Syllabus / The Story Thus Far

Readings: Class syllabus

Thursday April 4: Introduction to Historiography and the Decline Narrative

Readings: Lewis, *The Emergence of Modern Turkey* (21-39)

Berkes, *The Development of Secularism in Turkey* (2-19, 71-85)

WEEK 2

Tuesday April 9: Alternatives to the Decline Narrative

Readings: Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (1-5, 42-54)

Findley, *Turkey, Islam, and Nationalism* (1-4, 23-37)

Zürcher, "The Rise and Fall of 'Modern' Turkey: Bernard Lewis's *Emergence*
Fifty Years On*"

Thursday April 11: An Economic and Political View of the *Tanzimat*

Readings: Findley, *Turkey, Islam, and Nationalism* (76-115)

Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (72-94)

WEEK 3

Tuesday April 16: A Social and Cultural View of the *Tanzimat*

Readings: Ma'oz, *Ottoman Reform in Syria and Palestine* (151-157)

Findley, *Turkey, Islam, and Nationalism* (115-132)

Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (94-108)

Thursday April 18: Political and Economic Developments Under Abdul Hamid II

Readings: Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (109-138)

Findley, *Turkey, Islam, and Nationalism* (133-153, 165-174)

WEEK 4

Tuesday April 23: Social and Cultural Developments Under Abdul Hamid II

Readings: Deringil, *The Well-Protected Domains* (166-172)

Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (139-144)

Findley, *Turkey, Islam, and Nationalism* (153-165, 174-184)

Thursday April 25: A Political and Economic History of The Young Turks

Readings: Findley, *Turkey, Islam, and Nationalism* (192-207)

Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (150-177, 188-192,
197-202)

WEEK 5

Tuesday April 30: A Social and Cultural History of the Young Turks

Readings: Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (183-188)

Kansu, *The Revolution of 1908 in Turkey* (1-27)

Gelvin, *The Modern Middle East* (132-138)

Campos, *Ottoman Brothers* (1-7)

Watenpaugh, *Being Modern in the Middle East* (55-67)

Thursday May 2: Midterm Exam

Readings: None – study for the exam!

WEEK 6

Tuesday May 7: The Arab Lands Under Ottoman Political and Economic Control

Readings: Khoury “Urban Notables and Arab Nationalism”

Masters, *The Arabs of the Ottoman Empire* (3-16, 130-145)

Thursday May 9: The Arab Lands Under Ottoman Social and Cultural Influence

Readings: Masters, *The Arabs of the Ottoman Empire* (163-177, 192-211)

Gelvin, *The Modern Middle East* (100-110)

WEEK 7

Tuesday May 14: A Brief History of Iran, Part I

Readings: Keddie, *Modern Iran* (37-57)

Gelvin, *The Modern Middle East* (82-87)

Thursday May 16: A Brief History of Iran, Part II

Readings: Keddie, *Modern Iran* (58-72)

WEEK 8

Tuesday May 21: Egypt Under Muhammad Ali and His Successors

Readings: Zayid, *Egypt's Struggle for Independence* (1-13)

Vatikiotis, *The Modern History of Egypt* (90-108)

Tahtawi, *An Imam in Paris* (13-17, 83-90, 101-111)

Thursday May 23: Egypt Under the British

Readings: Zayid, *Egypt's Struggle for Independence* (13-29, 36-42, 51-62)
Gelvin, *The Modern Middle East* (92-96)
Zatmah, *Aha Gun!* (12-35)

WEEK 9

Tuesday May 28: A Brief History of North Africa, Part I

Readings: Laroui, *The History of the Maghrib* (295-326)
Masters, *The Arabs of the Ottoman Empire* (186-189)
Gelvin, *The Modern Middle East* (89-92)

Thursday May 30: A Brief History of North Africa, Part II

Readings: Laroui, *The History of the Maghrib* (327-347)

WEEK 10

Tuesday June 4: World War I in the Middle East

Readings: Findley, *Turkey, Islam, and Nationalism* (207-219)
Faroqhi, *The Ottoman Empire: A Short History* (139-153)
Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (177-182)

Thursday June 6: Summary of Major Course Themes

Readings: None – study for the exam!

**FINAL EXAM: Thursday, June 13, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
(Location TBA)**

Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)

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