

HINE 116

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

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The course is an introductory survey of the modern history of the Middle East prior to the establishment of the nation-states. It examines political and socioeconomic change and thought in the late Ottoman Empire and Qajar Iran from the Napoleonic invasion of Egypt to World War I, the critical period when the seeds of the contemporary Middle East were planted. The striking growth of European economic, political, and cultural influence in the region will constitute the focus of the course. There is no prerequisite for HINE 116.

I. INTRODUCTION

Tu Jan 10 Introduction

Th Jan 12 Looking backward and forward from the nineteenth century

Readings:

J. Gelvin, **The Modern Middle East**, 9-59.

D. Quataert, **The Ottoman Empire**, 1-51

II. WESTERNIZING REFORM: DESIGNS, PRESSURES, AND RESPONSES

Tu Jan 17 Egyptian modernization

Th Jan 19 Discussion

Readings:

Gelvin, 69-87

R. Tignor, introduction to **Napoleon in Egypt**, 4-15.*

S. Moreh, **Al-Jabarti's Chronicle**, 35-44.*

Rifa'a Rafi' al-Tahtawi, excerpts from **An Imam in Paris**, ed. Daniel Newman, 15-27, 105-29.

E. Lane, **An Account of the Manners and Customs of the Modern Egyptians**, 132-197.*

S. Miller, **Disorienting Encounters**, 123-161.*

* = selection on electronic reserves. (Page numbers indicate pagination in original text.)

Tu Jan 24 The Tanzimat: Restructuring of Ottoman institutions

Th Jan 26 Evolution of a new relationship with the West

Readings:

Quataert, 54-72, 74-83, 83-108 (skim), 110-37, 140-83.

Niyazi Berkes, **The Development of Secularism in Turkey**, 137-222.*

Gelvin, 147-54 (“Balta Limani Convention,” Hatt-i Sharif of Gulhane,” “Islahat Fermani”)

Tu Jan 31 The Eastern Question and the Ottoman periphery

Th Feb 2 Discussion

Readings:

Gelvin, Reform decrees, Baltalimani

C. and B. Jelavich, **The Balkans**, 44-77.*

III. "NEW IMPERIALISM" AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Tu Feb 7 Responses: Islamic modernism

Th Feb 9 New imperialism and British occupation of Egypt

Readings:

Gelvin, 87-99; 161-64 (“Muhammad Abduh,” “Namik Kemal”)

A. Hourani, **Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age**, 130-160.*

Lord Cromer, **Political and Literary Essays**, 3-53.*

Tu Feb 14 Film: Khartoum

Th Feb 16 Constitutionalism and the autocratic backlash in the Ottoman Empire

Readings:

Gelvin, 111-46.

S. Deringil, “Legitimacy Structures in the Ottoman State: The Reign of Abdulhamid II,”
345-59.*

K. Karpat, **The Politicization of Islam**, 155-82.*

Tu Feb 21 Discussion

Th Feb 23 MID-TERM EXAMINATION

IV. IRAN

Tu Feb 28 Iran under the Qajar dynasty

Th Mar 2 Constitutional Revolution

(Topics for final paper will be distributed)

Readings:

N. Keddie, **Modern Iran**, 1-72.*

A. K. S. Lambton, **Qajar Persia**, 319-29.*

Gelvin. 154-56 (“D’Arcy Oil Concession,” “Fundamental Laws”)

V. SHAPING THE CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST

Tu Mar 7 Discussion

Th Mar 9 Early modern nationalism

Tu Mar 11 The Middle East in World War I

Th Mar 16 Conclusion

Readings:

Quataert, 183-97.

Gelvin, 171-221; 217-19 (“Theodor Herzl,” “Balfour Declaration”)

READING LIST

James Gelvin, **The Modern Middle East** (Oxford University Press, 2005)

Donald Quataert, **The Ottoman Empire, 1700-1922** (Cambridge University Press, 2000 or later)

(Available at the University Bookstore)

Additional readings on Electronic Course Reserves at the University Library (indicated with an asterisk in the reading list)

REQUIREMENTS

Examination on February 23 (in class; bring blue book and pen/pencil). (40%)

Paper (~3000 words or 10-12 pages) due March 20, 2:30 p.m. (60%)

Both exercises are mandatory.