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U.S.MIDDLE EASTERN POLICY AFTER WWII

Course Description

American impressions of the Middle East often focus on conflict. And yet, 20th century Middle Eastern wars were less destructive than Europe's 20th century wars. Most Middle Eastern conflicts in recent history were proxy wars and many were part of the US-USSR Cold War. The east-west lines of the Cold War are familiar; it divided Europe and in some cases divided single countries. But what did the Cold War mean in the Third World? How did it play out in the Middle East, and how did it shape the histories of that region and its peoples? How much did policies formed in Washington and Moscow determine the range of possible options for the people and leaders of smaller countries? Did Middle Eastern countries harness the superpower Cold War to their own concerns and regional conflicts, or were they merely superpower pawns? Finally what are the legacies of the Cold War in the region today?

This course will not definitively answer these questions. We will, however, keep such questions in mind, because they will help us to transcend the easy generalizations and stereotypes that that often impede our understanding of this region and its peoples. The class is suitable for students with no prior coursework on the region and its history, though some prior knowledge would be helpful.

The course is divided into two parts. The first part covers the years between post-World War II independence and the 1967 war, and the second part covers developments between about 1967 and the 1990s.

Required books (available on reserve at Geisel.) Buy any edition of the two text books.

William Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, 2nd or 3rd edition, ISBN 0-8133-3489-6

Charles D. Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, St. Martins, 5th edition, ISBN 0-312-40408-5

Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall: Israel and the Arab World*, Norton, ISBN 0-393-32112-6

Tim Weiner, *Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA*, Anchor, ISBN 0-307-38900-8

Course Structure and Requirements

The class will meet three days a week and regular attendance is required.

Assignments

There will be a mid-term examination and a final examination.

Grades are as follows:

Mid-term examination 35%

Final examination 65%

Important Dates

Quarter: Thursday 2 October- Friday 12 Dec.

14 November

Mid-Term Exam

Thursday, 18 December, 11:30-2:30

Final Exam

CLASS SCHEDULE AND READINGS

Introduction

October 3	Ottoman rule. WWI and the post-war settlement. <i>Conflict, ch. 2-3.</i>
Week 1	
October 6	Colonial Rule in the Middle East.
October 8	World War and Independence Cleveland, ch. 10, 11, 12, Smith, ch. 4.
October 10	Discussion.
Week 2	1. Independence and Conflict
October 13	The Birth of Israel and the Aftermath of the 48 War.
October 15	Social Upheaval and the End of the Politics of Notables. Cleveland, ch.13, Avi Shlaim, <i>The Iron Wall</i> , preface-ch. 1, Smith, ch. 5.
October 17	Discussion
Week 3	
October 20	The Ascension of the United States and the Eisenhower Doctrine.
October 22	Nationalism and the Great Powers: Mu'addiq, Iran, and the CIA. Cleveland, ch. 14, Weiner, xvii-54,77-105, Shlaim, ch. 2, Smith, ch. 6.
October 24	Discussion.
Week 4	
October 27	The Rise of Gamal 'Abd al-Nasser and the Suez Crisis.
October 29	The Baghdad Pact and Cold War Maneuvering in the Middle East Cleveland, ch. 15-16, Smith, ch. 7, Shlaim, ch. 3-5, Weiner 141-163.
October 31	Discussion. Handout: Exam Questions
Week 5	2. The Middle East Since 1967.
November 3	The 1967 War and its immediate aftermath.
November 5	Black September, Nasser's death, and the Rise of Ḥafīz al-Asad Cleveland, ch. 17, Smith, ch. 8, Shlaim, ch. 6, Weiner, 311-333.
November 7	Midterm.

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- Week 6
 November 10 Sadat, the expulsion of the USSR, and the 73 War.
 November 12 The PLO in Lebanon and the Lebanese Civil War.
 Cleveland, ch. 18-19, Smith, ch. 8, Weiner, 373-387, Shlaim, ch. 8.
 November 14 Discussion.
- Week 7
 November 17 The Iranian Revolution and Cold War Confrontation in Central Asia.
 November 19 The Israeli Invasion of Lebanon and the US Role.
 Cleveland, ch. 20-21, Weiner, 413-4917, Smith, ch. 9, Shlaim, Ch. 10
 November 21 Discussion
- Week 8
 November 24 Movie: *West Beirut*
 November 26 Second half.
- November 28 Thanksgiving Holiday.**
- Week 9
 December 1 The Gulf Wars of the 1980s and 90s.
 December 3 The First Intifāḏa and Peace Negotiations.
 Cleveland, ch. 22-23, Weiner, 491-503, Smith, ch. 10-11, Shlaim, 13-14.
 December 5 Discussion
- Week 10**
 December 7 The Passing of the Old Guard and the End of Peace Negotiations
 December 9 Neo-Imperialism and America in Iraq, 2003-
 Cleveland, Epilogue ch. 24-25, Smith, 12 (final pages),
 December 12 Conclusions and Prospects. Final Exam handout.

FINAL EXAM: Thursday, 18 December 11:30-2:30