

HINE 118

THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

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The course is an introductory survey of the Middle East in the last century. Emphasis will be on the period since World War I. Themes in modern Middle Eastern history such as identity formation and nationalism, imperialism, Islamic movements, the economics and politics of oil, globalization, and communal conflict will be treated within a broad chronological and comparative framework focusing drawing on the experience of the Southwest Asian countries and Egypt. Each student is encouraged to develop an in-depth knowledge of a particular country by choosing a related book as listed on page 4. The course assumes no background in Middle Eastern history.

Strongly recommended discussion sections have been set up for the course on Thursdays, with a time choice of either 9:45-10:35 (HSS 4025) or 12:30-1:20 (HSS 6008). Sections will be led by Susanne Hillman, Teaching Assistant, Department of History (office hours: Th 2-4, HSS 6017; shillman@ucsd.edu).

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Week 1:

Tu Mar 3Apr 1 Introduction / Unity and diversity in historical perspective

Th Apr 1 Nineteenth-century background **3** Film ("Promises and Betrayals")

Readings:

The following selection is strongly recommended background reading. (You will not be examined on this section of the Mansfield book, but a careful reading will be important for an understanding of subsequent course materials.)

W. L. Cleveland and M. Bunton, A History of the Modern Middle East, 1-132. Peter Mansfield, **A History of the Middle East**, 1-112.

II. IMPERIALISM AND CREATION OF ARAB STATES

Week 2:

Tu Apr 78 Nationalism, imperialism, reform: historical

overviewFirst World War
Th Apr 910 European re-assertionFirst World War

Readings:

Mansfield, 114-66.Cleveland, 133-170.
W. Laqueur and B. Rubin, **The Israel-Arab Reader**, 12-33.*

(Note: "*" indicates readings available on electronic Reserves)

II. ALTERNATIVE PATHS TO NATION-BUILDING AND STATE-BUILDING

Week 3:

Tu Apr 145 Creating a nation-state in the rump Empire:
TurkeyThe Arab Middle East between the two World Wars

Th Apr 167 Independent monarchies: Iran and Saudi
ArabiaDiscussion

Readings:

Cleveland, 175-192.
A. Gheissari and V. Nasr, Democracy in Iran, 23-55.*
A. Mango, "Atatürk" in The Cambridge History of Turkey,
147-72.*

Mansfield, 167-218.
Richard P. Mitchell, **The Society of the Muslim Brothers**,
1-34.*

Week 4:

Tu Apr 212 The Arab Middle East between the two World WarsThe
making of the Palestine Question

Th Apr 234 (no class)Discussion

Readings:

Cleveland, 171-173; 193-237
Richard P. Mitchell, **The Society of the Muslim Brothers**,
1-34.*

J. Gelvin, **The Israel-Palestine Conflict**, 92-142.*
Charles D. Smith, **Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**,
156-66.*

III. ALTERNATIVE PATHS TO NATION-BUILDING AND STATE-BUILDING

Week 5:

Tu Apr 289 The making of the Palestine Question Creating a

nation-state in the rump Empire: Turkey

Th Apr 30 **May 1** World War II Independent monarchies: Iran and Saudi Arabia

Readings:

Cleveland, 239-71.

Charles D. Smith, **Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**, 111-69.*

Hugh Poulton, **Top Hat, Grey Wolf and Crescent**, 87-129.*

Nikki Keddie, **Roots of Revolution**, 79-141.*

"A Speech by Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddeq," in C. Amin et. al., **The Modern Middle East: A Sourcebook for History**, 360-67.*

Week 6:

Tu May 56 Discussion

Th May 78 MID-TERM EXAMINATION

IIIIV. THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE POST-COLONIAL AND COLD WAR ERA CONSOLIDATION OF MODERN MIDDLE EASTERN STATES

Week 7:

Tu May 123 The Cold War and the "Arab Cold War" Arab nationalism and the Israeli factor, 1947-1967

Th May 145 The crisis of Arab nationalism and the Israeli factor

Readings:

Cleveland, 273-372. Mansfield, 219-79.

J. Abd al-Nasir, **Egypt's Liberation** and "The Program of Ba'ath Party," and Anwar al-Sadat's speech to the Israeli Knesset" in C. Amin et. al., The Modern Middle East, 73-84, 368-8190.*

Week 8:

Tu May 1920 The oil revolution and the Iranian Revolution

Th May 2122 Rise of religion: Egypt, Lebanon, Israel

Readings:

Cleveland, 373-472. Mansfield, 280-338.

R. Stephen Humphreys, "Jihad and the Politics of Salvation," 174-203.*

"Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini Denounces the Rule of the Shah of

Iran" and "American Consular Assessment of the Revolution" in A. F. Khater, Sources in the History of the Modern Middle East, 286-89, 298-301.* Keddie, "Women in Iran Since 1979," 405-37.*

IVV. TOWARDS CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST

Week 9:

Tu May 267 (To be announced) Israel, occupied territories, and the Palestinian Authority

Th May 289 The Palestine problem Gulf wars

Readings:

Cleveland, 473-556 Mansfield, 339-89.

Calvin Goldscheider, "Ethnicity and Nation-Building in the State of Israel," 93-105.*

J. Mearsheimer and S. Walt, "The Israel Lobby" in **London**

Review of Books, 23 March 2006.*

Response to Mearsheimer and Walt by Alan Dershowitz, **London**

Review of Books, 20 April 2006; and Mearsheimer and Walt's response, 11 May 2006.*

Week 10

Tu Jun 23 September 11 and its aftermath The Gulf Wars

Th Jun 45 Looking back and looking ahead from the war in Iraq

Readings:

Cleveland, 557-576.

Mansfield, 390-406.

"Osama bin Laden's Use of History" in Camron, et. al, 292-98.*

Malise Ruthven, "The Seeds of Terror," 169-200.*

Chalmers Johnson, "Blowback."

<http://www.thenation.com/doc.mhtml?i=20011015&c=1&s=johnson>

Debate on Gaza War between Gideon Levy and A. B. Yehoshua

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1057670.html>

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1055977.html>

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1056269.html>

Rashid Khalidi, "Raising the Ghosts of Empire" in **Resurrecting Empire**, 152-75.*

COURSE READINGS

(1) Peter Mansfield, **A History of the Middle East** (Penguin, 2004), 2nd edition. William Cleveland and Martin Bunton, A History of the Modern Middle East (Westview, 2009), 4th edition.

(2) Choose ONE of the following fourive books (to be read at your own pace). The final exam will include a question pertaining to each of these five books. You will be asked to address one.

- Arthur Goldschmidt, **Modern Egypt** (Westview, 2004), 2nd edition.

- Ervand Abrahamian, A History of Modern Iran (Cambridge, 2008) Nikki Keddie, **Modern Iran: Roots and Results of Revolution** (Yale, 2003).

- Andrew Mango, Turks Today (Overlook, 2006)

- Bernard Reich, **Brief History of Israel** (Facts On File Press, 2008).

Colin Shindler, A History of Modern Israel (Cambridge, 2008)

- Charles Tripp, A History of Iraq (Cambridge, 2007), 3rd edition.

(3) Items on Course Reserves at the University Library (indicated with an asterisk in the reading list) (<http://reserves.ucsd.edu>)

REQUIREMENTS

Mid-term examination on Thursday, May 78 (35%).

Final examination (comprehensive) tentatively scheduled on Tuesdayhursday, June 912, 8-11 (65%).

Both exams are compulsory and in-class. Bring blue book.

Exams cannot be administered before the scheduled date for any reason. Bring blue book.