

**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. 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 drawing on the experience of the Southwest Asian countries and Egypt. The course does not require background in Middle Eastern history.

The text for the class is Peter Mansfield, **A History of the Middle East** (Penguin, 2004), 2nd edition (available at the University Bookstore). Further course materials will be posted on WebCT ([webct.ucsd.edu](http://webct.ucsd.edu)).

**I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

Week 1:

**Tu Mar 30** Unity and diversity: region in historical perspective  
**Th Apr 1** Backdrop to the last century

*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 the understanding of subsequent course materials.)

P. Mansfield, **A History of the Middle East**, 1-113.

**II. WAR, IMPERIALISM AND GENESIS OF ARAB STATES**

Week 2:

**Tu Apr 6** First World War  
**Th Apr 8** Imperial dissolution and European re-assertion

*Readings:*

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

Week 3:

**Tu Apr 13** Arab Middle East between the two World Wars  
**Th Apr 15** Making of the Palestine Question

*Readings:*

Mansfield, 167-210.

C. Smith, **Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**, Ch. 4.

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

Week 4:

**Tu Apr 20** Creating a nation-state in the rump Empire: Turkey

**Th Apr 22** Independent monarchies: Iran and Saudi Arabia

*Readings:*

E. J. Zürcher, **Turkey: A Modern History**, 173-214.

Mansfield, 210-218.

N. 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 5:

**Tu Apr 27** Discussion

**Th Apr 29** MID-TERM EXAMINATION

**IV. CONSOLIDATION OF MODERN MIDDLE EASTERN STATES**

Week 6:

**Tu May 4** End of mandates and decolonization

**Th May 6** Arab nationalism and the Israeli factor, 1945-1967

*Readings:*

Mansfield, 219-79.

J. Abd al-Nasir, **Egypt's Liberation** and "The Program of Ba'ath Party," in C. Amin et. al., 73-90.

P. Sluglett, "The Middle East in the Cold War" in Louise Fawcett (ed.), 41-58

Week 7:

**Tu May 11** Inter-Arab crises and oil revolution

**Th May 13** Iranian Revolution

*Readings:*

Mansfield, 280-338.

E. Abrahamian, **A History of Modern Iran**, Ch. 6

## V. TOWARDS THE CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST

Week 8:

**Tu May 18** Rise of religion

**Th May 20** Societal rifts: Egypt, Israel, Lebanon

*Readings:*

Mansfield, 316-338.

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

C. Shindler, **A History of Modern Israel**, 175-197.

Week 9:

**Tu May 25** Intifada and the quest for Israeli-Palestinian peace

**Th May 27** Film assignment: "The Long Road to War." (No class)

*Readings:*

Mansfield, 339-89.

J. Gelvin, **The Israel-Palestine Conflict**, 212-250.

Week 10

**Tu Jun 1** From 9/11 to the Iraq War

**Th Jun 3** Contemporary issues

*Readings:*

Mansfield, 390-406.

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

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

**REQUIREMENTS**

Mid-term examination on Thursday, April 29 (35%).

Final examination on Tuesday, June 8, 8-11 (65%).

Both exams are mandatory and in-class. Exams cannot be administered before the scheduled date for any reason. Bring blue book.