

HINE116  
MWF 11:00-11:50  
CSB002  
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## **The Middle East in the Age of European Empires 1798-1920**

### **Course Description**

This course is an introduction to the principal historical themes shaping the modern Middle East. The class is suitable for students with no prior knowledge of the region and its history, though students who wish to further their studies in Middle Eastern history can profit from the course too.

In geographical scope we will discuss the Ottoman Empire, its Arab provinces, Egypt and Iran. The course comprises a brief background to the history of the region and follows with the long nineteenth century through the First World War and the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire.

The course treats several themes, including society and economy, central government reform, the emergence of new forms of identity and other challenges to the Ottoman order, and the entry of both informal and direct European colonial rule into the region.

While we will follow the political narrative of this history, we will be also concerned to study and discuss what history and politics have meant for ordinary men and women, and the roles they have played in making their own histories.

### **Required books**

(available in the bookstore, and on reserve at Geisel Library.)

William Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*. 0813340489, Westview

James Gelvin, *The Modern Middle East: A History*. 0195167880, Oxford

Roger Owen, *The Middle East in the World Economy*. 1850436584, IB Tauris.

Michael Reynolds, *Shattering Empires: The Clash and Collapse of the Ottoman and Russian Empires*. 978-0-521-14916-7

### **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**

8 February	Mid-Term Exam
15 March	Last day of Class
18 March, 11:30-2:30	Final Exam

### **CLASS SCHEDULE AND READINGS**

#### **Week 1      **Background to the Long Nineteenth Century in the Middle East****

- 7 January      The Arab, Islamic, and Ottoman Heritage.
- 9 January      The Society and Economy of the Ottoman Empire.
- 11 January      Discussion  
Cleveland, chs. 1-3, Gelvin, ch. 1-7.

#### **Week 2**

- 14 January      Global Power Shifts Between the Ottoman and European States.
- 16 January      Islamic-Ottoman “Decline” and Napoleon’s Egyptian Adventure
- 18 January      Owen, xxi-99.

#### **Week 3      **A Century of Reform****

- 21 January      **Dr. Martin Luther King holiday (no class).**
- 23 January      Rebellion in Arabia and Greece and Ottoman state modernization.
- 25 January      Discussion  
Cleveland, ch. 4, Gelvin, ch. 8-9

#### **Week 4**

- 28 January      The Tanzimat programs, 1839-1876, and their results.
- 30 January      Changes in the Ottoman-Arab provinces.
- 1 February      Discussion and exam handout.  
Cleveland, 5, Gelvin, ch. 10+ documents.

#### **Week 5**

- 4 February      Qajar Iran in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.
- 6 February      Ottoman and Egyptian bankruptcy.  
Cleveland, ch. 6.
- 8 February      **Mid-term exam.**

**Week 6**      **Foreign Intervention and Colonial Rule**

11 February    The Ottoman Constitution and International Crisis.

13 February    The British Occupation of Egypt.

15 February    Discussion.  
Owen, 100-152.

**Week 7**

18 February    **President's Day holiday (no class).**

20 February    Abdül-Hamid's Long Reign.

22 February    Discussion.  
Cleveland, ch. 7, Owen 153-188.

**Week 8**

25 February    The Ottoman Constitutional Revolution of 1908.

27 February    Constitutionalism in Iran.

1 March        Discussion.  
Cleveland, ch. 8, Reynolds, 1-106, Owen, 189-216.

**Week 9**

4 March        A decade of war in the Ottoman realms.

6 March        The WWI Agreements and the Post-war Settlement.

8 March        Discussion.  
Cleveland, ch. 9, Gelvin, ch. 11-14 + documents, Reynolds, 107-267.

**Week 10**

11 March       The Colonial Partition of the Middle East.

13 March       Independence?

15 March       Discussion. Final exam handout.  
Cleveland, Intro ch. 10, chs. 11-13.

**FINAL EXAM 18 March, 11:30-2:30**