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CSB001  
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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.

### **Course Structure and Requirements**

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

Participation in class discussions and attendance counts as a component of the final grade.

### **Discussion Sections**

Aytek Alpan is the course Teaching Assistant. He will conduct two discussion sections each week. Students who attend section, and maintain a B or higher on the midterm, may choose to write a ten-to-fifteen page paper instead of the final exam.

### **Assignments**

There will be a mid-term examination, and a final examination, except for discussion section students, who will write a paper.

Grades are as follows:

mid-term examination	35%
final examination (or paper)	65%

### **Important Dates**

5 February	Mid-Term Exam
12 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**

4 January	What is in a name? Islam, the Arab East, and Orientalism. The Middle of What?
6 January	The Arab, Islamic, and Ottoman Heritage.
8 January	Discussion Cleveland, chs. 1-2, Gelvin, x-68

#### **Week 2**

11 January	The Society and Economy of the Ottoman Empire.
13 January	Global Power Shifts Between the Ottoman and European States.
15 January	Discussion. Cleveland, ch. 3, Gelvin, 73-99, Owen, xxi-23

#### **Week 3**

18 January	Dr. Martin Luther King holiday (no class).
20 January	The Controversy Over Islamic-Ottoman "Decline."
22 January	Discussion.

Owen, 23-99

**Week 4      A Century of Reform**

25 January    Napoleon's Egyptian Adventure.

27 January    Rebellion in Arabia and Greece and the Start of Ottoman Reform.

29 January    Discussion and exam handout.  
Cleveland, ch. 4, Gelvin, 100-131.

**Week 5**

1 February    The Tanẓîmât Reforms, 1839-1876, and their results.

3 February    Changes in the Ottoman-Arab provinces.

5 February    **Mid-term exam.**  
Cleveland, 5, Gelvin, 132-154.

**Week 6**

8 February    Qajar Iran in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

10 February   Ottoman and Egyptian bankruptcy.

12 February   Discussion.  
Cleveland, ch. 6, Gelvin, 154-167.

**Week 7      Foreign Intervention and Colonial Rule**

15 February   President's Day holiday (no class).

17 February   The British Occupation of Egypt.

19 February   Discussion.  
Owen, 100-152.

**Week 8**

22 February   Abdül-™amÝd's Long Reign.

24 February   The Ottoman Unionist Revolution and Constitutionalism in Iran

26 February   Discussion.  
Cleveland, chs. 7-8, Owen, 153-188.

**Week 9**

1 March The Great War in the Ottoman realms.

3 March The Wartime Agreements and the Post-war Settlement.

5 March Discussion.  
Cleveland, ch. 9, Gelvin, 171-218.

**Week 10**

8 march The Colonial Partition of the Middle East

10 March Independence?

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

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