



Syllabus

The Hinge of Fate: The Indian Ocean in WWII - 39864

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HU Credits: 2

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Dan Diner

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Course/Module description:

The course will deal with events of the Second World War from the perspective of

the Indian Ocean. It will include discussion on war logistics and epistemologic analysis

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*To describe the main events of the Second World War
To Understand connections between different theatres of war
To organise main and sub events of the war
to compare different political approaches
To analyse logistical and war time interests.*

Attendance requirements(%):
full

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

- 1. Session (15.10.2018): First Meeting/Introduction*
- 2. Session (22.10.2018): Rhodos*
- 3. Session (29.10.2018): The British Imperial Sphere*
- 4. Session (05.11.2018): Italian East Africa*
- 5. Session (12.11.2018): Malta*
- 6. Session (19.11.2018): Logistics*
- 7. Session (26.11.2018): Iraq 1941*
- 8. Session (03.12.2018): Japanese Naval Forces*
- 9. Session (10.12.2018): Singapore*
- 10. Session (17.12.2018): Madagascar*
- 11. Session (24.12.2018): 8th Army*
- 12. Session (31.12.2018): Persian Corridor*
- 13. Session (07.01.2018): Indian Ocean*
- 14. Session (14.01.2018): Conclusion/Last Meeting*

Required Reading:

*al Karei tarnegolet: ha-okednus ha-hodi be-milchemet ofam II
(The Hinge of Fate: The Indian Ocean in WWII)*

Mandatory reading before seminar begins:

Ewan Mawdsley, *World War II. A New History*, Cambridge 2009.

Recommended reading (prior or during the semester):

Antony Beevor, *The Second World War*, London 2014.

Gerhard L. Weinberg, *A World at Arms. A Global History of World War II*, Cambridge 2005.

1. Rhodos

Holland, Jeffrey, *Part I, Strategic Objectives*, in: *ibid.*, *The Aegean Mission: Allied Operations in the Dodecanese, 1943*, New York/London 1988, 3–98.

Buckley, Christopher (1977). *Five Ventures: Iraq, Syria, Persia, Madagascar, Dodecanese*. H. M. Stationery Office.

Rogers, Anthony, *Churchill's Folly: Leros and the Aegean, The Last Great British Defeat of World War 2*, Athens 2007.

Shachar, *The Lost World of Rhodes*

Weinberg, *Ignored and Misunderstood Aspects of the Holocaust*

2. British Imperial Sphere

Jackson, Ashley, *War and Empire in Mauritius and the Indian Ocean*, London 2001.

(Introduction and Ch. 2: Defence of Empire and the Sea Lanes: The Royal Navy and the British Indian Ocean World)

Eade, C. (Hg.), *Winston Churchill's Secret Session Speeches*. London 1946.

Robinson, Francis, *The British Empire and the Muslim World*, in: *Oxford History of the British Empire*, Vol. 4, *The Twentieth Century*, ed. by Judith Brown/Wlm. Roger Louis, Oxford 1999, 398-420.

Kahn, Yasmin, *The Raj at War. A Peoples History of India's Second World War*, London 2015, 34-43. (Chapter 3: Into the Middle East and North Africa)

3. Italian East Africa

Holt, Andrew, "'No more Hoares to Paris': British Foreign Policymaking and the Abyssinian Crisis, 1935". *Review of International Studies*. 37:3 (2011), S. 1383–1401.

Nicolle, David, *The Italian Invasion of Abyssinia 1935–1936*, Westminster 1997.

Stewart, A. (2016). *The First Victory: The Second World War and the East Africa Campaign* (1st ed.). New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

4. Malta

Porch, Douglas, *Hitler's Mediterranean Gamble. The North African and the Mediterranean Campaigns in World War II*, London 2004. [Intro: A Strategist's Nightmare]

Roucek, Joseph S., *The Geopolitics of the Mediterranean*, in: *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, 1:13 (1953), S. 71–86.

Churchill, Winston S., *Malta and the Desert*, in: *ibid.*, *The Second World War Vol. 4, The Hinge of Fate*, 260–279.

Elliott, Peter (1980). *The Cross and the Ensign: A Naval History of Malta*,

1798–1979. Naval Institute Press.

Titterton, G. A. (2002). *The Royal Navy and the Mediterranean, Volume 2*. Psychology Press.

5. Logistics

Churchill, Winston S., *The Shipping Stranglehold*, in: *ibid.*, *The Second World War Vol. 4, The Hinge of Fate*, 167–180.

Jackson, Ashley, *Supplying War: The High Commission Territories' Military-Logistical Contribution in the Second World War*, in: *The Journal of Military History* 66:3 (2002), 719–760.

Miller, Michael, *Sea Transport*, in: *Cambridge History of the Second World War. Volume III: Total War. Economy, Society and Culture*, ed. by Michael Geyer/Adam Tooze, Cambridge 2015, 147-195.

O'Brien, Phillips Payson, *How the War Was Won. Air-Sea Power and Allied Victory in World War II*, Cambridge 2015, 1-16. (Introduction 1–16; *The Air and the Sea War against Japan 1942–1944* 374–429)

O'Brien, Phillips Payson, *Logistics by Land and Air*, in: *Cambridge History of the Second World War. Volume I: Fighting the War*, ed. by John Ferris/Evan Mawdsley, Cambridge 2015, 608–636.

Showalter, Dennis, *Armies, Navies, Air Forces. The Instrument of War*, in: *Cambridge History of the Second World War. Volume I: Fighting the War*, ed. by John Ferris/Evan Mawdsley, Cambridge 2015, 556-584.

6. Iraq 1941

Kolinsky, Martin, *Britain's War in the Middle East Strategy and Diplomacy, 1936-42*, London 2014, S. 145–167.

Jackson, Ashley, *The Persian Gulf Command, A History of the Second World War in Iran and Iraq*, New Haven 2018. [particularly 44–65]

7. Japanese Naval Forces

Churchill, Winston S., *Ceylon and the Bay of Bengalen*, in: *ibid.*, *The Second World War Vol. 4, The Hinge of Fate*, S. 152–166.

Ohmae, T. 1986. *Japanese Operations in the Indian Ocean*. In: R. G. O'Connor & D. C. Evans (Hg.), *The Japanese Navy in World War II in the words of former Japanese Naval Officers*. Annapolis: United States Naval Institute. [Kap. 4, 17]

Black, J., *Midway and the Indian Ocean*. *Naval War College Review* 62:4 (2009), 131–140.

Great Britain Ministry of Defence (Hg.), 1995. *War with Japan. The South-East Asia operations and Central Pacific advance, The blockade of Japan*. Bd. 4/5. London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

8. Singapore

Chung, Ong Chit, *The Singapore Strategy*, in: *Idem, Operation Matador. World War II, Britain's Attempt to Foil the Japanese Invasion of Malaya and Singapore*, Singapore 2011, 3-18.

Louis, W. R. 2006. *The Road to the Fall of Singapore, 1942. British Imperialism in*

East Asia in the 1930s. In: W. Roger Louis, Ends of British Imperialism. The scramble for empire, Suez and decolonization; collected essays (2. Auflage). London: Tauris, S. 293-338.

McIntyre, W. David, The Strategic Significance of Singapore, 1917–1942. The Naval Base and the Commonwealth, in: Journal of Southeast Asian History 1:10 (1969), 69–94.

9. Madagascar

Thomas, Martin, Imperial Backwater or Strategic Outpost? The British Takeover of Vichy Madagascar, 1942, in: Historical Journal, 39 (1996), 1049-1074.

Buckley, Christopher, Five Ventures. Iraq, Syria, Persia, Madagascar, Dodecanes, London 1977.

Churchill, Winston S., Madagascar, in: ibid., The Second World War Vol. 4, The Hinge of Fate, 167–212.

Jackson, Ashley, War and Empire in Mauritius and the Indian Ocean (The Mauritius Regiment and the Madagascar Mutiny, 101–130)

Shores, Christopher, Dust Clouds in the Middle East: Air War for East Africa, Iraq, Syria, Iran and Madagascar, 1940–42, London 1996.

10. British 8th Army

Churchill, Winston S., The Eight Army at Bay, in: ibid., The Second World War Vol. 4, The Hinge of Fate, 371–389.

Neillands, Robin, Eighth Army: The Triumphant Desert Army That Held the Axis at Bay from North Africa to the Alps, 1939-45.

11. The Persian Corridor

Jackson, Ashley, The Persian Corridor, in: ibid., The Persian Gulf Command, A History of the Second World War in Iran and Iraq, New Haven 2018, 295–315.

Coakley, Robert W., Chapter 9: The Persian Corridor as a Route for Aid to the USSR, in: Greenfield, Kent Roberts, Command Decisions. Washington 2000.

Motter, T.H. Vail, The Persian Corridor and Aid To Russia, Washington 2000.

12. Indian Ocean

Kamtekar, Indivar, The Shiver of 1942, in: Studies in History 18:1 (2002), S. 81–102.

Voigt, Johannes H., India in the Second World War. A History with Problems, in: Jürgen Rohwer/Hildegard Mölle (Eds.), Neue Forschungen zum Zweiten Weltkrieg. Literaturberichte und Bibliographien aus 67 Ländern, Koblenz 1990, 187-201.

Khan, R. A., Strategic role of the Indian Ocean during Second World War, Pakistan Horizon 35:2 (1982), S. 39–50.

Paterson, L., Hitler's Grey Wolves: U-boats in the Indian Ocean, London 2004. [Ch. 1, 2, 5, 6]

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 10 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 80 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: