

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Introduction to the Modern Middle East - 38460

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Islamic & Middle East Stud.

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Liat Kozma

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Prof. Liat Kozma

Course/Module description:

This course deals with the political and social processes that shaped the modern history of the Middle East. It begins with the "new order" after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire following WWI, and ends with the uprisings of "Arab Spring" in the 2010s.

Course/Module aims:

Familiarity with the body of knowledge on the modern history of the Middle East in terms of key events and issues.

- Familiarity with region's population, culture, social institutions and development*
- introducing to the main ideologies that shaped Middle Eastern lives.*

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

- Mapping key processes in shaping the Modern Middle East*
- Tracing lines of change and continuity in the political, social and intellectual spheres.*
- highlighting the importance of historical sources.*

Attendance requirements(%):

According to the Faculty's regulations

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: class lectures

Course/Module Content:

- 1. World War I and the Wilsonian Moment*
- 2. The League of Nations, the Mandate System and Late Colonialism*
- 3. Reza Shah and Ataturk*
- 4. The Rise of Egyptian Nationalism*
- 5. Anti-Colonial Rebellions*
- 6. The foundation of the Saudi State and the Rise of Oil*
- 7. Culture in the Interwar Period*
- 8. Minorities*
- 9. The End of the Mandates and Independence*
- 10. 1948 and its regional consequences*

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11. The Free Officers
 12. Revolutionary Regimes: Syria and Iraq
 13. Decolonization in North Africa
 14. Arab Socialism and the Arab Cold War
 15. 1967 and its Regional Consequences
 16. The Rise of Political Islam in the 1960s and 1970s
 17. Oil in the 1970s
 18. The Iranian Revolution
 19. Lebanon – Civil War
 20. Authoritarian Regimes in Syria and Iraq
 21. The radicalization and globalization of political Islam
 22. September 11 and the American invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq
 23. Between economy and military in the modern Middle East
 24. The 2011 revolutions
 25. Conclusion

Required Reading:

סילבוס מבוא למזה"ת

1. World War I and the Wilsonian Moment

2. The League of Nations, the Mandate System and Late Colonialism

Pedersen, Susan. "The Meaning of the Mandates System: An Argument." *Geschichte Und Gesellschaft* 32, no. 4 (2006): 560–82.

3. Reza Shah and Ataturk

ארליך, חגי. המזרח התיכון בין מלחמות עולם. תל אביב: האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 1994. כרך א', ע"ע 94-72.

Further reading: Zürcher, Erik Jan, and Touraj Atabaki. *Men of Order: Authoritarian Modernization under Ataturk and Reza Shah*. London: I.B. Tauris, 2004, 1-12.

4. The Rise of Egyptian Nationalism

גרשוני, ישראל. מצרים בין ייחוד לאחדות: החיפוש אחר זהות לאומית, 1919-1948. תל-אביב: הקיבוץ המאוחד, 1980, ע"ע 40-26.

An alternative in English: Israel Gershoni, and James P. Jankowski. *Egypt, Islam, and the Arabs: The Search for Egyptian Nationhood, 1900-1930*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986. introduction

5. Anti-Colonial Rebellions

ארליך, חגי. המזרח התיכון בין מלחמות עולם. תל אביב: האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 1994. כרך ג', ע"ע 219-195.

Further reading: Provence, Michael. "French Mandate Counterinsurgency and the Repression of the Great Syrian Revolt." In *The Routledge Handbook of the History of the Middle East Mandates*. Ed. Cyrus Schayegh and Andrew Arsan, 136–51. London: Routledge, 2015.

6. The foundation of the Saudi State and the Rise of Oil

Toby Craig Jones, *Desert Kingdom: How Oil and Water Forged Modern Saudi Arabia*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2010, 20-53.

7. Culture in the Interwar Period

דניאלסון, וירג'יניה. קולה של מצרים: אום כולת'ום, שירה ערבית, החברה המצרית במאה העשרים. חיפה: פרדס, 2003, פרק שלישי.

8. Minorities

White, Benjamin Thomas. *The Emergence of Minorities in the Middle East: The Politics of Community in French Mandate Syria*. Edinburgh University Press, 2011, 43-66.

9. The End of the Mandates and Independence

פירו, קייס. לבנון: אתגר השונות. רעננה, האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 2013, 31-51.

Consider adding: Ziadeh, Hanna. *Sectarianism and Inter-Communal Nation Building in Lebanon*. London: C. Hurst & Co, 2006.

10. 1948 and its regional consequences

כבהא, מוצטפא. הפלסטינים: עם בפזרתו. רעננה: האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 2010, 148-164.

Rashid Khalid, "The Palestinians and 1948: The Underlying Causes of Failure," in Rogan, Eugene L., and Avi Shlaim, eds. *The War for Palestine: Rewriting the History of 1948*. 2nd ed. of Cambridge Middle East Studies. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007

11. The Free Officers

חגי ארליך, מצרים: האחות הבכורה. רעננה: האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 2003. ע"ע 107-126.

Cleveland, William L, and Martin P Bunton. *A History of the Modern Middle East*. Sixth edition. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2016, chapter 15.

12. Revolutionary Regimes: Syria and Iraq

אפל, מיכאל. עראק: מלוכה, מהפכה, רודנות. רעננה: האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 2005, ע"ע 158-175.

Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, chapter 16.

13. Decolonization in North Africa

אביטבול, מיכאל ודניאל זיסנוין. מקולוניאליזם ללאומיות: תוניסיה, אלג'יריה מרוקו. רעננה:

האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 2005, ע"ע 64-79.

Seferdjeli, Rym, 'A War over the People: The Algerian War of Independence, 1954-1962', in Amal Ghazal, and Jens Hanssen (eds), *The Oxford Handbook*, 248-268.

14. Arab Socialism and the Arab Cold War

Cleveland, William L. *A History of the Modern Middle East*. Sixth edition. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2016. 304-323.

15. 1967 and its Regional Consequences

נבו, יוסף. ירדן: החיפוש אחר זהות. רעננה: האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 2005, 142-170.

Sirriyeh, Hussein. "Jordan and the Legacies of the Civil War of 1970--71." *Civil Wars* 3, no. 3 (September 2000): 74.

16. The Rise of Political Islam in the 1960s and 1970s

יצחק וייסמן, "סייד קטב - ממבקר ספרות לרדיקל אסלאמי", מתוך סיד קטב, מניפסט האסלאם הרדיקלי: ציוני הדרך. תל אביב: רסלינג, 2011.

Gerges, Fawaz A. *Making the Arab World: Nasser, Qutb, and the Clash That Shaped the Middle East*. United States: Princeton University Press, 2018, chapter 8.

17. Oil in the 1970s

Rogan, Eugene L. *The Arabs: A History*. Third edition. London: Penguin Books, 2018, chapter 7.

18. The Iranian Revolution

אהרונוב, משה ומאיר ליטבק. איראן - מקיסרות פרסית למהפכה אסלאמית. רעננה: האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 2014, ע"ע 272-245.

19. Lebanon – Civil War

פירו, קייס. לבנון: אתגר השונות. רעננה, האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 2013, ע"ע 223-208.
Malley, Muadth. "The Lebanese Civil War and the Taif Accord: Conflict and Compromise Engendered by Institutionalized Sectarianism." *History Teacher* 52, no. 1 (November 2018): 121-59.

20. Authoritarian Regimes in Syria and Iraq

Cleveland, William L. *A History of the Modern Middle East*. Sixth edition. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2016. 353-376.

21. The radicalization and globalization of political islam

הופמן, אדם. "ח'ליפות עכשיו: דאע"ש והתביעה לסמכות דתית." *המזרח החדש* 56 (2017), 158-135.

Devji, Faisal. *Landscapes of the Jihad: Militancy, Morality, Modernity*. Ithaca, N.Y: Cornell University Press, 2005, chapter 1.

22. September 11 and the American invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq

אפל, מיכאל. עראק: מלוכה, מהפכה, רודנות. רעננה: האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 2005, ע"ע 281-264.
Cleveland, William L. *A History of the Modern Middle East*. Sixth edition. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2016, Chapter 24.

23. Between economy and military in the modern Middle East

Abul-Magd, Zeinab. *Militarizing the Nation: The Army, Business, and Revolution in Egypt*. New York: Columbia University Press. 2017, chapter 3.

24. The 2011 revolutions

Cleveland, William L. *A History of the Modern Middle East*. Sixth edition. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2016, Chapter 25.

25. Conclusion

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 70 %

Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 30 %

Additional information: