History 46: Survey of Middle Eastern History

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Description
This course provides a beginner’s introduction to the history of the Middle East, focusing on the modern period (19th century onwards). No background knowledge is assumed. We will begin with a brief introduction to the region, its geography, and its major cultures and largest religion, Islam. We will then examine the first attempts at reform in the Ottoman Empire and Iran that were made in response to increased European influence over the region. Next, we will discuss the First World War and the establishment of the modern state system. Topics will include the rise of nationalism, decolonization, and the origins of the Arab-Israeli conflict. We will then look at the post-Second World War period, addressing such topics as the Cold War, the Islamic Revolution in Iran, and the Oil Boom. Finally, we will look at the history of US involvement in the region, the rise of Islamist political movements, and the Arab Spring. Along the way, we will also examine a variety of social issues such as changing gender roles, the rise and fall of landed elites, the role of the military in society, etc.

Requirements
Attendance and participation in section meetings, 20%
In-class mid-term exam, 10%
Two 3-page papers on assigned books, 20% each (topic to be posted one week in advance on Gauchospace)
Final exam, 30%
Policies
Late work will be graded down at a rate of one letter grade per day. There will be no extensions. Any concerns with your grade must be discussed with your TA before you come to the instructor. No use of cell phones is permitted in the classroom. Any violations of UCVSB’s rules on academic integrity will be treated with the utmost severity in accordance with university regulations. For more information on these regulations, see http://judicialaffairs.sa.ucsb.edu/AcademicIntegrity.aspx. Students with a disability should contact the instructor and the DSP (Disabled Students Program) http://dsp.sa.ucsb.edu/ for appropriate accommodation.

Books

The instructor has requested that copies of all of these books be placed on reserve at the Main Library.

Lectures and Readings

Introduction to the Middle East and Islam
September 22:
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 1-3
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “What Is a Document” and “How to Read a Document”

Encounters with West and Early Attempts at Reform
September 27:
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 4
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Napoleon in Egypt”

September 29: The Era of the Tanzimat – Reform from Above
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 5
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Cairo vs Istanbul: Egyptian and Turkish Reforms and Their Implications”

October 4: Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 6-7
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Egypt: British and Egyptian Critiques of Imperialism” and “Al-Afghani and Azoury: Muslim and Arab Christian Rejections of Indigenous Accommodation to Western Inroads”
October 6: Constitutionalist Movements
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 8
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Iran and the European Powers: Oil Concessions and Territorial Partitioning”
and “Official and Popular Calls for Reform: Tunisia, Iran, Ottoman Turks”

October 11: WWI and the Dissolution of the Ottoman Empire
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 9
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “The Armenian Question” and “Promises, Promises: Britain, France and the Arab Movement”
Paper on *Harem Years* due in class

**Nations and Mandates**
October 13: Turkey and Iran
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 10
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Reforms and Their Motivations”

October 18: The Arab World I
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 11
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Egypt: European Influences and the Definition of Culture”

October 20: The Arab World II
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 12
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Living in Two Worlds” and “Iraqi Jews in the 1930s and 1940s”

October 25: The Palestine Mandate
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 13
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Zionism: Its Origins and Objectives” and “Promises to Keep: Britain, Palestine and the Zionist Movement”

**October 27: In-class mid-term exam**

**From the Cold War to American Hegemony**
November 1: Turkey and Iran Post WWII
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 14

November 3: The Nasser Era
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 15, 16
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Nationalism and Cold War Tensions: Egypt, Lebanon, Iran”

November 8: Israel and Palestine, from 1948 to 1977
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 17
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Arab-Israeli Conflicts: The 1967 War and the Lebanese Civil War”

November 10: The Iranian Revolution
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 18
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “America and Iran: The Shah and the Islamic Revolution”
November 15:  The Oil Boom and the New Arab Order  
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 19, 20  
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “America and Saudi Arabia – The Oil Connection”

November 17: Arab Nationalism and Sectarianism  
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 21

November 22: Palestine and Israel Post-1991  
Guest Lecture by Professor Sherene Seikaly  
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 22, 23  
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations” 

November 29: Between Two Interventions  
Cleveland and Bunton, ch. 24, 25  
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Afghanistan and Iraq before September 11, 2001” and “Al-Qaida, 9/11, and the American Response: Prisoners, Refugees, and Human Rights”  

paper on Burning Country due in class

December 2: The Arab Spring and Its Aftermath  
Cleveland and Bunton ch. 26  
Clancy-Smith and Smith, “Tunisia and Egypt Rebel: Dictatorships and Crony Capitalism”

Final Exam: Monday, December 5, 2016, 12-3pm