Aim: A study of the modern political history of the Middle East (Arab states + Iran, Israel, Turkey) from 1798 to the present day. Main themes: reforms, westernization, colonialism, nationalism, independence, state-building, intra-state conflict, authoritarianism, family rule, politics of religion, political and economic liberalization.

Required Reading:


Conduct of the course:

Each session will be introduced by two presentations based on the readings below. Presenters responsible for photo-copying readings for rest of class.

(1) Muhammad Ali and his Legacy:

F.Robert Hunter, *Egypt under the Khedives 1805-1879* (1984), 14-34.

(2) The Nature of Ottoman Reform: (1) The Center


(3) The Nature of Ottoman Reform: (2) The Provinces


(4) Nationalism and Imperialism in Egypt: the Urabi Movement and its Opponents


(5) Abdul-Hamid II and the Young Turks

Feroz Ahmad, *The Young Turks*, 121-165.  
Nadir Ozbek, 'Philanthropic activity, Ottoman patriotism, and the Hamidian regime, 1876-1909, *IJMES*, 37/1 (Feb 2005)  
Shaw and Shaw, *The History of the Ottoman Empire*, II, 172-272  

(6) The Origins of Arab Nationalism

C.Ernest Dawn, 'The rise of Arabism in Syria' in *From Ottomanism to Arabism* (1973)  
Mahmoud Haddad, 'The rise of Arab nationalism reconsidered', *IJMES*, 26/2 (May 1994)  

(7) Nationalism, Independence and Constitutionalism in Egypt 1919-1924


(8) The Colonial State and Its Opponents


(9) The Pros and Cons of Democracy in the Middle East Until the 1950s

Touraj Atabaki and Erik J. Zurcher, *Men of Order: Authoritarian Modernisation in Turkey and Iran*  
Owen, *State, Power and Politics*, Chpt. Chpt. 8  

(10) Palestine to Israel
Issa Khalaf, Politics in Palestine (1993), Chpt.s 7 and 9.

(11) Authoritarianism: Royal and Republican

Hinnebusch, Authoritarian Power, 154-96.
Ervand Abrahamian, Iran Between Two Revolutions (1982), Chpt.9.

(12) Rentierism and Politics in the Oil States

Gregory Gause, The Oil Monarchies (1994), Chpt. 4.

(13) Religion and State: Iran

Ervand Abrahamian, Khomeinism, 13-38.
Roy Mottahedeh, The Mantle of the Prophet (1985), Epilogue

(14) Religion and Opposition

Dale Eickelman and James Piscatori, Muslim Politics (1996), Chpt. 1.
Sayyid Qutb, Milestones (XXX), 129-40.