

Department of History

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History 9601A

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TU 11:30 am-1:30 pm
SSC 4327

Social and Economic History of the Modern Middle East

Course Description

The research seminar will examine some of the major social and economic developments of the modern Middle East between 1798 to the present through selected readings and class discussions. The purpose is to gain knowledge and understanding of the long term reasons for the historical decline and the current conditions of the Middle Eastern states. Through class discussions of the weekly readings, members of the seminar are expected to develop sufficient knowledge of the social and economic history of the modern Middle East which will allow them to select a topic of interest for a research paper, develop an appropriate list of sources and provide an analysis. Topics may also be selected in consultation with the instructor. Each participant will be responsible for presenting a synthesis of at least two of the assigned readings. Paper topics may go from the very specific to the general but should reflect your personal and intellectual interest.

For instance, one may select a topic within the wide area of subjects such as:

Islamic ideology in gender history of the Middle East
The effect of colonialism on the economy of the region
Industrialization in Egypt and Turkey
Turkey and the EU
Trade between Europe, Syria and Lebanon, 1800-1900
The effect of nationalization on the oil industry of the Middle East.

Or, one may choose a specific historical or contemporary topic such as:

The Introduction of the long staple cotton in Egypt (1821) and its impact on the economy and society.
The uniqueness and achievements of the education system in Lebanon.
Success and failure of birth control policies in the Middle East.

Participation in class discussions is part of the grade and therefore making the classes is essential. Attendance will be taken for every meeting and no food consumption during classes is tolerated. The paper should not exceed 20 typed pages double spaced and should adhere to a specific format explained in the first meeting.

Final Grade:

Attendance, class participation, presentations and analysis of the readings	50%
Research Essay and presentation	50%

Readings and Syllabus

Text Books

For a general political history background in the modern Middle East purchase a copy of William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Westview Press, 2009. Fourth Edition. The weekly assigned readings will include sections from it. You may use or purchase for the same purpose, previously used text books of previous courses, such as History 214E, *History of the Modern Middle East*, which may be available in the used books store. The following books are available from the University bookstore:

Roger Owen, *The Middle East in the World Economy, 1800-1914*, 1981.

Roger Owen and Sevket Pamuk, *A History of Middle East Economies in the Twentieth Century*, 1998.

The required readings will be made available by the instructor electronically

Detailed Class Meetings September 15- December 8, 2009

**September 15:
Introduction and Orientation**

Course structure, assignments, general historical survey, political conditions, trends, historiography, research paper

Readings:

Cleveland and Bunton, 1-57

**September 22:
*United Nations Arab Human Development Report 2002 - Determining the issues.***

Readings:

“Overview: A future for All,” *United Nations, Arab Human Development Report 2002*, 1-13

Elhenan Helpman, *The Mystery of Economic Growth*, 2004, pp. 1-33 and 111-142

**September 29:
The Process of Modernization. European Challenge and Reform in the Middle East**

Readings:

A. Hourani, "Ottoman Reform and the Politics of Notables", 1966, reprinted in Hourani et. al. , pp. 83-110. (4)

M.E. Yapp , *The Making of the Modern Middle East, 1792-1923*, 1987, Chapter 3, pp. 97-178.

Owen , Chapter 2.

**October 6:
Trade, Investment and Migration**

**October 13:
Trade, Investment and Migration**

Readings:

S. Pamuk, "Anatolia and Egypt during the Nineteenth Century : A Comparison of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment", *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 7, 1992, pp. 37-56.

A. Khater and A. Khater, "Assaf : A Peasant of Mount Lebanon" in E. Burke (ed.), *Struggle and Survival in the Modern Middle East* , 1993, pp. 31-43. (7)

Ç. Keyder, E. Özveren and D. Quataert, "Port Cities in the Ottoman Empire", Review, *Fernand Braudel Center*, 1993, pp. 519-58. (8)

Owen , Chapter 3.

October 20:

The Interwar Era and the Great Depression

Readings:

R. Tignor , "The Economic Activities of Foreigners in Egypt, 1920-1950 : From Millet to Haute Bourgeoisie" , *Comparative Studies in Society and History* , Vol. 22, 1980, pp. 416-49. (11)

Owen, pp. 110-121, 135-148, 200-209, 216-233

Owen , pp. 91-99, 148-52, 209-13, 233-40.

Owen and Pamuk, Introduction to Part I, chapters 2 and 3

October 27:

Changing Patterns of Production in Agriculture and Manufacturing

Readings:

S. Vatter , "Journeyman Textile Weavers in Nineteenth Century Damascus : A Collective Biography", in E. Burke, (ed.), *Struggle and Survival in the Modern Middle East* , pp. 75-90.

D. Quataert, "Women, Households and Textile Manufacturing, 1800-1914", 1991, reprinted in Hourani et. al., pp. 255-70.

November 3:

Import Substituting Industrialization (ISI)

Readings:

A. Richards and J. Waterbury, *A Political Economy of the Middle East*, chaps 7 and 8.

Owen and Pamuk, Introduction to Part II, pp. 104-117, 127-34, 176-97.

November 10:

Oil Exporting Economies

Readings:

M. Karshenas, *Oil, State and Industrialization in Iran*, 1990, pp. 88-108. (15)

Owen and Pamuk, pp. 202-224

November 17 :

Current Era of Globalization since the 1970s

November 24:

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Readings:

T. Yousef, "Development, Growth and Policy Reform in the Middle East and North Africa since 1950", Journal of Economic Perspectives, 18, 2004, pp. 91-116. (16)

C. M. Henry and R. Springborg, *Globalization and the Politics of Development in the Middle East*, pp. 1-29.

S. Heydemann, "The Political Logic of Economic Rationality : Selective Stabilization in Syria", H. Barkey (ed.), *The Politics of Economic Reform in the Middle East*, 1992, pp. 11-40.

Owen and Pamuk, pp. 117-24, 135-49, 229-42.

December 1:

Paper Presentations

December 8:

Paper presentations.