

## History of the Middle East, 1700-1900

HIST 355-01

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### Required texts

M. E. Yapp, *The Making of the Modern Near East, 1792-1923* (London: Longman, 1987).  
*C18 & C19 Reader* (Artistic)

### Course evaluation

Midterm exam 20% (Thursday, March 25)

Paper 20% (due Sunday, May 9)

Final exam 30% (Tuesday, June 1)

Quizzes 20% (at the start of most weeks; cover assigned readings)

Class participation 10%

### Objectives

The objective of the course is to present

- a) the main themes of the history of the Middle East from the eighteenth century until the First World War: the transformation of premodern institutions and the growth of Western influence.
- b) changes in the state and class structures with economic growth
- c) new religious and political movements

### Comments

- Lectures will assume that you have done the assigned readings, and quizzes will check this. It is *essential* that students keep up with the reading and come to class. The final grade will reflect class attendance (which includes arriving on time) and participation once you have arrived. More than three weeks of absence (for any reason, including illness etc.) may result in an F.
- Lectures will cover some of the material in the readings, but will also cover new material. You are expected to take useful notes.
- The university policy on cheating and plagiarism applies in this class.
- Make-ups for exams will be given only in case of documented illness or emergency, at the entire discretion of the course instructor. There are no make-ups for the quizzes, but your worst quiz result will be ignored when calculating the final grade.
- Changes to assignments, times, dates, etc. will be announced in class and posted on the web. It is your responsibility to make sure that you learn of any such announcement which might have been made during a class you miss.

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**Schedule and Reading Assignments**

**Week 0, February 1: Course introduction**

*Thursday is first day of classes*

No reading

**I: The Eighteenth Century**

**Week 1, February 8: Orientation**

No reading

**Week 2, February 15: Foreign affairs**

Halil Inalcik, chapters 5 and 6.

Stanford Shaw. "Iranian Relations with the Ottoman Empire in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries."

**Week 3, February 22: Daily life**

*Sunday is probably a holiday*

Abraham Marcus, chapter 2

**Week 4, Feb 29: Internal affairs: Ottomans**

*March 3 is last day to drop without WP/WF*

Marcus, chapter 3

Bruce McGowan. "The Elites and their Retinues."

Madeleine C. Zilfi, "Women and Society in the Tulip Era, 1718-1730."

**Week 5, March 7: Ottoman Religious and intellectual life**

Marcus, chapter 6

Hala Fattah. "Representations of Self and the Other in Two Iraqi Travelogues of the Ottoman Period."

**Week 6, March 14: Persia**

Richard Tapper. "The Tribes in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Iran."

Hamid Algar. "Religious Forces in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Iran."

**Week 7, March 21: Conclusions**

No new reading

*Mid-term exam on Thursday, March 25*

**II: The Nineteenth Century**

**Week 8, March 28: The "Eastern Question"**

Yapp, chapter 2, pp 47-77

**Week 9, April 4: The “Eastern Question” (continued)**

*Tuesday only; Sunday and Thursday are holidays*

No new reading

**Week 10, April 11: Reform**

*Sunday is a holiday*

Yapp, chapter 3, pp. 97-114, 145-61

**Week 11, April 18: Liberalism**

Albert Hourani, chapter 4 to p. 84.

M. Şükrü Hanioglu, chapter 2.

**Week 12, April 25: Bulgaria and after**

*Sunday is a holiday; April 28 is last day to drop courses*

Yapp, chapter 2, pp. 77-96

Yapp, chapter 3, pp. 115-20

**Week 13, May 2: Iran**

*Sunday is a holiday*

Yapp, chapter 3, pp. 162-72

Yapp, chapter 4, pp. 247-60

Farzin Vahdat. “Iran’s Early Intellectual Encounter with Modernity: A Dual Approach.”

**Week 14, May 9: Nationalism**

*Paper due Sunday, May 9*

Yapp, chapter 4, pp. 179-242

Selim Deringil. chapter 1.

Hourani, chapter 5.

**Week 15, May 16: Into the twentieth century**

Yapp, chapter 5

**Week 16, May 23: Conclusions**

*Thursday is last day of classes*

No new reading