

**After Empire:  
Nationalism and Social Change in the Middle East, 1914-Present**  
HIST 356  
Spring 2007

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**Note:** The main empire referred to in the course title is the Ottoman empire.

**Objectives**

The objective of the course is to explore the main themes of the history of the Middle East since 1914, covering:

- imperialism and nationalism
- ideology, religion and politics
- social, political and intellectual change.

This requires a familiarity with the key events in the political history of the period.

**Required texts**

William L. Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, third edition  
*Twentieth Century Middle East History Readings*

**Course evaluation**

On-line discussions	20%	
Class participation	10%	
Midterm exam	20%	(Wednesday March 21)
Paper	20%	(due Thursday May 10)
Final exam	30%	(Sunday, May 27, 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m for section 1; Thursday, May 31, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for section 3)

**Comments**

- Classes will assume that you have done the assigned readings. 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.
- Classes 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 on-line discussions, but your worst week will be ignored when calculating the final grade.
- Any changes to assignments, times, dates, etc. will be announced in class. It is *your* responsibility to make sure that you learn of any such announcement which might have been made during a class you miss.

**After Empire (HIST 356)**  
**Schedule and Reading Assignments**

**I: Introduction**

**Week 1, 4 February: course introduction**

*First class on Wednesday*

**Week 2, 11 February: Imperial constitutions**

Reading: Cleveland, chapter 8

**Week 3, 18 February: The break-up of the Ottoman world**

Reading: Cleveland, chapter 9

**II: The Middle East after World War One**

**Week 4, 25 February: Old states in a new world**

Reading: Cleveland, chapter 10

**Week 5, 4 March: New Arab states I**

Reading:

Cleveland, chapter 11

Brynjar Lia, *The Society of the Muslim Brothers in Egypt*, pp. 72-86 and 93-109.

**Week 6, 11 March: New Arab states II**

Reading: Cleveland, chapter 12

**Week 7, 18 March: Zionism**

Reading:

Walter Laqueur, *A History of Zionism*, chapter 3 (to p. 108)

Cleveland, chapter 13

☞ Mid-term on Wednesday 21 March

**III: The Middle East in the Cold War**

**Week 8, 25 March: Radicalism & authoritarianism**

Reading: Cleveland, chapter 15 & 16

*(no classes in week of 1 April)*

**Week 9, 8 April: Turkey and Iran**

Reading: Cleveland, chapter 14

*(no class on Monday)*

#### **IV: Islam, Oil, and Terror**

##### **Week 10, 15 April: The Iranian revolution**

Reading: Cleveland, chapter 20  
(no classes in week of 22 April)

##### **Week 11, 29 April: Oil states**

Reading: Cleveland, chapter 21

##### **Week 12, 6 May: Sunni Islamism**

☞ Paper due Thursday at midnight

Reading: L. Carl Brown, *Religion and State*, chapters 13 and 14. Available online on campus at [www.ciaonet.org/book/brown](http://www.ciaonet.org/book/brown)

##### **Week 13, 13 May: Monopolarity**

Reading: Cleveland, chapter 22

##### **Week 14, 20 May: 9/11 and after**

Reading: Clark McCauley, "Jujitsu Politics: Terrorism and Responses to terrorism."  
Wednesday class is revision