An introduction to political, social, and cultural change since 1876 in the Arab countries, Turkey, and Iran.

Among the topics to be considered: the conflict between empire and ethnic nationalism; the Arab-Israeli dilemma; the changing role of the Middle East in the world economy; efforts at "modernization" and attendant social tensions; writers and their responses to a situation of perpetual crisis.

LECTURES
8:50-10:50 am MTWRF

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

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REQUIRED READINGS

TEXT: Arthur Goldschmidt, Concise History of the Middle East
Bacharach, J. L. Middle East Studies Handbook
Johnson-Davies, Denys-Egyptian Short Stories