THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Summer Session 1987
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Textbooks

1. "The Mantle Of The Prophet: Religion and Politics In Iran" by Roy Mottahedeh.

2. "Political and Social Thought in the Contemporary Middle East" by Kemal Karpat.

Course Requirements

There will be a final examination. In addition, each student will write two short book reviews (5 pages maximum). The books reviewed are to be chosen from a selected bibliography which I will hand out at the beginning of the term. The first paper will be due at the end of the second week; the second will be due on Tuesday of the fourth week.

Each of the three written assignments will equal one-third of your final grade. Incompletes cannot be considered, so plan accordingly.

Schedule of Topics

1. Land and Peoples of the Middle East: An Introduction
2. The Ottoman Empire and Iran prior to the First World War
3. European Colonialism and the Disintegration of the Traditional Order.
5. World War I and the Post-War Settlement
6. Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon, 1919-1948
7. Zionism and the Palestinians, 1917-1948
8. The Turkish Republic, 1919-1985
9. Iran From the Constitutional Revolution to Reza Shah's Dictatorship, 1906-1941
10. Dr. Mossadegh and the Movement for the Nationalization of the Iranian Oil Industry
12. Lebanon, 1948-1985: From Unity to Civil War
13. The Israeli-Palestinian and the Israeli-Arab Conflict, 1940-1986
14. The Iranian Revolution: Nationalism Islam and Marxism
15. Final Examination
A. IRAN

1. Ervand Abrahamian, "Iran Between Two Revolutions."
2. Bahman Nirumand, "Iran: The New Imperialism In Action."
3. Fred Halliday, "Iran: Dictatorship and Development."
5. Mohamad Reza Pahlavi (Formerly, Shah of Iran), "Answer To History."
6. Ashraf Dehghani, "Torture and Resistance in Iran."
7. Bijan Jazani, "Dependent Capitalism in Iran."

B. ISRAEL AND ZIONISM

1. Maxime Rodinson, "Israel: The Colonial Settler State."
2. David Ben-Gurion, "Israel: Years of Challenge."
3. Abba Eban, "My People: The Story of the Jews."
4. Y. Beck and D. Zohar, "A Zionist Anthology."
7. Ehud Ben Ezer, "Unease in Zion."
8. Moshe Davis, "Zionism in Transition."
11. N. Gordon Leven, Jr. "The Zionist Movement in Palestine and World Politics."

C. PALESTINIANS AND THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

2. Elia T. Zureik, "The Palestinians in Israel."


5. Y. Porath, "The Emergence of the Palestinian Arab National Movement 1918-1929."

6. Shlomo Arineri, "Israel and the Palestinians."

7. Fred Khouri, "The Arab-Israeli Dilemma."


10. __________, "Our Roots Are Still Alive, The Story of the Palestinian People."

D. TURKEY

1. Kemal H. Karpat, "Turkey's Politics."

2. Ergun Ozbudun, "Social Change and Political Participation in Turkey."

3. Jacob M. Landau, "Radical Politics in Modern Turkey."


5. __________, "Democracy and Development in Turkey."


7. F. Frey, "The Turkish Political Elite."


E. EGYPT, SYRIA, LEBANON


4. Tom Little, "Modern Egypt."

