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U.S. MIDDLE EASTERN POLICY AFTER WWII

Course Description

American impressions of the Middle East often focus on conflict. And yet, Middle Eastern wars of the later 20th century have been far less destructive than Europe's 20th century wars. Most Middle Eastern conflicts have been proxy wars and many were part of the US-USSR Cold War. The east-west lines of the Cold War are familiar; it divided Europe and in some cases divided single countries. But what did the Cold War mean in the Third World? How did it play out in the Middle East, and how did it shape the histories of that region and its peoples? How much did policies formed in Washington and Moscow determine the range of possible options for the people and leaders of smaller countries? Did Middle Eastern countries harness the superpower Cold War to their own concerns and regional conflicts, or were they merely superpower pawns? Finally what are the legacies of the Cold War in the region today?

This course will not definitively answer these questions. We will, however, keep such questions in mind, because they will help us to transcend the easy generalizations and stereotypes that often impede our understanding of this region and its peoples. The class is suitable for students with no prior coursework on the region and its history, though some prior knowledge would be helpful.

The course is divided into two parts. The first part covers the years between post-World War II independence and the 1967 war, and the second part covers developments since 1967.

Required books (available at the bookstore, and on reserve at SSH.)

William Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, 2nd or 3rd edition, ISBN 0-8133-3489-6

Charles D. Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, St. Martins, 5th edition, ISBN 0-312-40408-5

Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall: Israel and the Arab World*, Norton, ISBN 0-393-32112-6

Tim Weiner, *Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA*, Anchor, ISBN 0-307-38900-8

Course Structure and Requirements

The class will meet three days a week and regular attendance is required.

Assignments

There will be a mid-term examination and a final examination.

Grades are as follows:

Mid-term examination	35%
Final examination	65%

Important Dates

Quarter: Monday, 9 January---Friday, 17 March

Mid-Term Exam: Friday, 10 February

Final Exam: Friday 24 March, 8:00-11:00

CLASS SCHEDULE AND READINGS

Week 1

January 9 Introduction: The modern Middle East.
January 11 Ottoman rule, WWI, and the post-war settlement
Cleveland, ch. 8-9, Charles Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, ch. 2-3.
January 13 Discussion

Week 2

January 16 **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**
January 18 Colonial Rule in the Middle East
January 20 Cleveland, ch. 10,11,12, Smith, ch. 4

Week 3

1. Independence and Conflict

January 23 World War and Independence
January 25 The Birth of Israel and the Aftermath of the 48 War.
January 27 Social Upheaval and the End of the Politics of Notables.
Cleveland, ch.13, Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall*, intro-ch. 1, Smith, ch.5.

Week 4

January 30 The Ascension of the United States and the Eisenhower Doctrine.
February 1 Nationalism and the Great Powers: Musaddiq, Iran, and the CIA.
Cleveland, ch. 14, Weiner, xvii-54,77-105, Shlaim, ch. 2, Smith, ch. 6.
February 3 Discussion. Handout: Exam Questions

Week 5

February 6 The Rise of Gamal 'Abd al-Nasser and the Suez Crisis.
February 8 The Baghdad Pact and Cold War Maneuvering in the Middle East
Cleveland, ch. 15-16, Smith, ch. 7, Shlaim, ch. 3-5, Weiner 141-163.
February 10 **Midterm.**

Week 6

2. The Middle East Since 1967.

February 13 The 1967 War and its immediate aftermath.
February 15 Black September, Nasser's death, and the Rise of Hafiz al-Asad
Cleveland, ch. 17, Smith, ch. 8, Shlaim, ch. 6, Weiner, 311-333.
February 17 Discussion.

Week 7**February 20 President's Day Holiday**

February 22 Sadat, the expulsion of the USSR, and the 73 War.

February 24 The PLO in Lebanon and the Lebanese Civil War.
Cleveland, ch. 18-19, Smith, ch. 8, Weiner, 373-387, Shlaim, ch. 7.

Week 8

February 27 The Iranian Revolution and Cold War Confrontation in Central Asia.

March 1 The Israeli Invasion of Lebanon and the US Role.

Cleveland, ch. 20-21, Weiner, 413-4917, Smith, ch. 9, Shlaim, ch. 9-10

March 3 Discussion.

Week 9

March 6 Gulf Wars of the 1980s and 90s.

March 8 The First Intifâda and Peace Negotiations.

March 10 Discussion

Cleveland, ch. 22-23, Weiner, 491-503, Smith, ch. 10-11, Shlaim, 13

Week 10

March 13 Neo-Imperialism and America in Iraq, 2003-2013

March 15 Popular protest movements 2009-

March 17 Conclusions and Prospects. Final Exam handout.

Cleveland, Epilogue ch. 24-25, Smith, 12 (final pages),

FINAL EXAM: Friday, 24 March 8:00-11:00