The course is an introductory survey of the Middle East in the last century. Emphasis will be on the period since World War I. Themes in modern Middle Eastern history such as identity formation and nationalism, imperialism, Islamic movements, the economics and politics of oil, globalization, and communal conflict will be treated within a broad chronological and comparative framework focusing drawing on the experience of the Southwest Asian countries and Egypt. Each student is encouraged to develop an in-depth knowledge of a particular country by choosing a related book as listed on page 4. The course assumes no background in Middle Eastern history.

Strongly recommended discussion sections have been set up for the course on Thursdays, with a time choice of either 9:45-10:35 (HSS 4025) or 12:30-1:20 (HSS 6008). Sections will be led by Susanne Hillman, Teaching Assistant, Department of History (office hours: Th 2-4, HSS 6017; shillman@ucsd.edu).

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Week 1:

Tu Mar 3 Apr 1 Introduction / Unity and diversity in historical perspective

Th Apr 1 Nineteenth-century background3 Film (“Promises and Betrayals”)

Readings:
The following selection is strongly recommended background reading. (You will not be examined on this section of the Mansfield book, but a careful reading will be important for an understanding of subsequent course materials.)

W. L. Cleveland and M. Bunton, A History of the Modern Middle East, 1-132.

Peter Mansfield, A History of the Middle East, 1-112.

II. IMPERIALISM AND CREATION OF ARAB STATES

Week 2:

Tu Apr 78 Nationalism, imperialism, reform: historical
overview
First World War
Th Apr 910 European re-assertion

Readings:

(Note: "*" indicates readings available on electronic Reserves)

II. ALTERNATIVE PATHS TO NATION-BUILDING AND STATE-BUILDING

Week 3:

**Tu Apr 145** Creating a nation-state in the rump Empire:
Turkey
The Arab Middle East between the two World Wars

**Th Apr 167** Independent monarchies: Iran and Saudi Arabia

Discussion

Readings:
Cleveland, 175-192.

Mansfield, 167-218.

Week 4:

**Tu Apr 212** The Arab Middle East between the two World Wars
The making of the Palestine Question

**Th Apr 234** (no class)

Discussion

Readings:
Cleveland, 171-173; 193-237

J. Gelvin, *The Israel-Palestine Conflict*, 92-142.*

III. ALTERNATIVE PATHS TO NATION-BUILDING AND STATE-BUILDING

Week 5:

**Tu Apr 289** The making of the Palestine Question
Creating a
nation-state in the rump Empire: Turkey

Th Apr 30
May  1 World War II Independent monarchies: Iran and Saudi Arabia

Readings:
Cleveland, 239-71.
“A Speech by Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddeq,” in C. Amin et. al., *The Modern Middle East: A Sourcebook for History*, 360-67.*

Week 6:

Tu May 56 Discussion
Th May 78 MID-TERM EXAMINATION

IIIV. THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE POST-COLONIAL AND COLD WAR ERA
CONSOLIDATION OF MODERN MIDDLE EASTERN STATES

Week 7:

Tu May 123 The Cold War and the “Arab Cold War” Arab nationalism and the Israeli factor, 1947-1967
Th May 145 The crisis of Arab nationalism and the Israeli factor

Readings:


Week 8:

Tu May 1920 The oil revolution and the Iranian Revolution
Th May 2122 Rise of religion: Egypt, Lebanon, Israel

Readings:
“Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini Denounces the Rule of the Shah of

IVV. TOWARDS CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST

Week 9:

Tu May 267  (To be announced) Israel, occupied territories, and the Palestinian Authority
Th May 289  The Palestine problem Gulf wars

Readings:
Cleveland, 473-556  Mansfield, 339-89.
Calvin Goldscheider, “Ethnicity and Nation-Building in the State of Israel,” 93-105.*

Week 10

Tu Jun 23  September 11 and its aftermath The Gulf Wars
Th Jun 45  Looking back and looking ahead from the war in Iraq

Readings:
Cleveland, 557-576.
Mansfield, 390-406.
“Osama bin Laden’s Use of History” in Camron, et. al, 292-98.*
Chalmers Johnson, “Blowback.”
http://www.thenation.com/doc.mhtml?i=20011015&c=1&s=johnson
Debate on Gaza War between Gideon Levy and A. B. Yehoshua
http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1057670.html
http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1055977.html
http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1056269.html

Rashid Khalidi, “Raising the Ghosts of Empire” in Resurrecting Empire, 152-75.*
COURSE READINGS


(2) Choose ONE of the following five books (to be read at your own pace). The final exam will include a question pertaining to each of these five books. You will be asked to address one.

- Andrew Mango, *Turks Today* (Overlook, 2006)

(3) Items on Course Reserves at the University Library (indicated with an asterisk in the reading list) (http://reserves.ucsd.edu)

REQUIREMENTS

Mid-term examination on Thursday, May 7 (35%).

Final examination (comprehensive) tentatively scheduled on Tuesday/Thursday, June 9-12, 8-11 (65%).

Both exams are compulsory and in-class. Bring blue book.
Exams cannot be administered before the scheduled date for any reason. Bring blue book.