I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Week 1:

Tu Mar 30 Unity and diversity: region in historical perspective
Th Apr  1 Backdrop to the last century

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 the understanding of subsequent course materials.)


II. WAR, IMPERIALISM AND GENESIS OF ARAB STATES

Week 2:

Tu Apr  6 First World War
Th Apr  8 Imperial dissolution and European re-assertion

Readings:

Mansfield, 114-66.
W. Laqueur and B. Rubin, The Israel-Arab Reader, 12-33.

Week 3:

Tu Apr 13 Arab Middle East between the two World Wars
Th Apr 15 Making of the Palestine Question
Readings:
C. Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, Ch. 4.

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

**Week 4:**

Tu Apr 20 Creating a nation-state in the rump Empire: Turkey
Th Apr 22 Independent monarchies: Iran and Saudi Arabia

Readings:
Mansfield, 210-218.

**Week 5:**

Tu Apr 27 Discussion
Th Apr 29 MID-TERM EXAMINATION

IV. CONSOLIDATION OF MODERN MIDDLE EASTERN STATES

**Week 6:**

Tu May 4 End of mandates and decolonization
Th May 6 Arab nationalism and the Israeli factor, 1945-1967

Readings:
Mansfield, 219-79.
P. Sluglett, “The Middle East in the Cold War” in Louise Fawcett (ed.), 41-58

**Week 7:**

Tu May 11 Inter-Arab crises and oil revolution
Th May 13 Iranian Revolution

Readings:
Mansfield, 280-338.
E. Abrahamian, *A History of Modern Iran*, Ch. 6
V. TOWARDS THE CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST

Week 8:

Tu May 18  Rise of religion
Th May 20  Societal rifts: Egypt, Israel, Lebanon

Readings:
Mansfield, 316-338.
C. Shindler, A History of Modern Israel, 175-197.

Week 9:

Tu May 25  Intifada and the quest for Israeli-Palestinian peace
Th May 27  Film assignment: “The Long Road to War.” (No class)

Readings:
Mansfield, 339-89.
J. Gelvin, The Israel-Palestine Conflict, 212-250.

Week 10

Tu Jun 1  From 9/11 to the Iraq War
Th Jun 3  Contemporary issues

Readings:
Mansfield, 390-406.
"Osama bin Laden’s Use of History" in Camron, et. al, 292-98.
R. Khalidi, “Raising the Ghosts of Empire” in Resurrecting Empire, 152-75.

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REQUIREMENTS

Mid-term examination on Thursday, April 29 (35%).

Final examination on Tuesday, June 8, 8-11 (65%).

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