The course is an introductory survey of the modern history of the Middle East prior to the establishment of the nation-states. It examines political and socioeconomic change and thought in the late Ottoman Empire and Qajar Iran from the Napoleonic invasion of Egypt to World War I, the critical period when the seeds of the contemporary Middle East were planted. The striking growth of European economic, political, and cultural influence in the region will constitute the focus of the course. There is no prerequisite for HINE 116.

I. INTRODUCTION

Tu Jan 10 Introduction
Th Jan 12 Looking backward and forward from the nineteenth century

Readings:
J. Gelvin, The Modern Middle East, 9-59.
D. Quataert, The Ottoman Empire, 1-51

II. WESTERNIZING REFORM: DESIGNS, PRESSURES, AND RESPONSES

Tu Jan 17 Egyptian modernization
Th Jan 19 Discussion

Readings:
Gelvin, 69-87
R. Tignor, introduction to Napoleon in Egypt, 4-15.*
S. Moreh, Al-Jabarti’s Chronicle, 35-44.*
E. Lane, An Account of the Manners and Customs of the Modern Egyptians, 132-197.*
S. Miller, Disorienting Encounters, 123-161.*
**Tu Jan 24**  The Tanzimat: Restructuring of Ottoman institutions  
**Th Jan 26**  Evolution of a new relationship with the West

Readings:  
Quataert, 54-72, 74-83, 83-108 (skim), 110-37, 140-83.  
Niyazi Berkes, *The Development of Secularism in Turkey*, 137-222.*  
Gelvin, 147-54 (“Balta Limani Convention,” Hatt-i Sharif of Gulhane,” “Islahat Fermani”)

**Tu Jan 31**  The Eastern Question and the Ottoman periphery  
**Th Feb  2**  Discussion

Readings:  
Gelvin, Reform decrees, Baltalimani  

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### III. "NEW IMPERIALISM" AND THE MIDDLE EAST

**Tu Feb 7**  Responses: Islamic modernism  
**Th Feb 9**  New imperialism and British occupation of Egypt

Readings:  
Gelvin, 87-99; 161-64 (“Muhammad Abduh,” “Namik Kemal”)  
A. Hourani, *Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age*, 130-160.*  

**Tu Feb 14**  Film: Khartoum  
**Th Feb 16**  Constitutionalism and the autocratic backlash in the Ottoman Empire

Readings:  
Gelvin, 111-46.  

**Tu Feb 21**  Discussion  
**Th Feb 23**  MID-TERM EXAMINATION

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### IV. IRAN
Tu Feb 28  Iran under the Qajar dynasty
Th Mar 2  Constitutional Revolution
   (Topics for final paper will be distributed)
Readings:
   N. Keddie, Modern Iran, 1-72.*
   A. K. S. Lambton, Qajar Persia, 319-29.*
   Gelvin. 154-56 (“D’Arcy Oil Concession,” “Fundamental Laws”)

V. SHAPING THE CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST

Tu Mar 7  Discussion
Th Mar 9  Early modern nationalism

Tu Mar 11  The Middle East in World War I
Th Mar 16  Conclusion

Readings:
   Quataert, 183-97.
   Gelvin, 171-221; 217-19 (“Theodor Herzl,” “Balfour Declaration”)
READING LIST

James Gelvin, The Modern Middle East (Oxford University Press, 2005)
Donald Quataert, The Ottoman Empire, 1700-1922 (Cambridge University Press, 2000 or later)
(Available at the University Bookstore)

Additional readings on Electronic Course Reserves at the University Library (indicated with an asterisk in the reading list)

REQUIREMENTS

Examination on February 23 (in class; bring blue book and pen/pencil). (40%)
Paper (~3000 words or 10-12 pages) due March 20, 2:30 p.m. (60%)

Both exercises are mandatory.