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The Middle East in International Affairs (POL 421)

Room: Sage G06

Time: MWF 1:30-2:20 pm.

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Purpose of the course

This lecture, discussion and writing course deals with the international politics of the contemporary Middle East. It examines, in some detail, the development of the state system in the Middle East, the impact of the mandate system on the region's political map, the origins and evolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, superpower involvement in the region, intra-Arab relations, the recent crises in the Gulf region, and the Middle East peace process. The aim of the course is to deepen your understanding and encourage you to think critically about the major problems confronting the region and the possible scenarios for resolving such problems.

Course Requirements

Class attendance and participation in class discussion are essential requirements for doing well in this course. If you miss more than two weeks of class sessions, without a valid medical excuse, I reserve the right to ask you to drop the course.

Coming to class on time is a must. To make it easier for you to follow the lectures, and to enhance the quality of class discussion, you must do all the assigned readings on time (see attached outline).

Means of Evaluation

Midterm Exam:	30%
Book Review or Short Paper:	30%
Class Presentations & class participation:	10%
Final Exam:	30%

Readings

There is no single text for this course. Instead, we shall be using a number of book chapters and articles from leading academic journals. For your convenience, all assigned readings shall be included in one reading package.

LECTURE OUTLINE AND READINGS

- I. World War I and the Collapse of the Ottoman Empire
Readings
William L. Cleveland. *A History of the Modern Middle East*.
Chapter 9.
- II. The Mandate System and the Arab Struggle for Independence
Readings
William L. Cleveland. *A History of the Modern Middle East*.
Chapters 11& 12.
- III. The Creation of Israel and the First Arab-Israeli War
Readings
William L. Cleveland. *A History of the Modern Middle East*. Chapter 13.
- IV. The 1956 Suez Crisis
Readings
Ian J. Bickerton & Carla L. Klausner, Chapter 5.
George Lenczowski, "The Eisenhower Presidency".
- V. Further Crises in the Fifties: The 1957 Syrian and 1958 Lebanese Crises
Readings
George Lenczowski, "The Eisenhower Presidency" .
Erika Alin. "U.S. Policy and Military Intervention in the 1958 Lebanon Crisis."

- VI. The 1967 Arab-Israeli War
Readings
Ian Bickerton & Carla Klausner, Chapter 6.
George Lenczowski, "The Johnson Presidency" (The Arab Israeli War of 1967)
- VII. The 1973 Arab-Israeli War
Readings
Bickerton & Klausner, Chapter 7, pp. 168-
George Lenczowski, "The Nixon Presidency" (The October 1973 War and Its Aftermath)
- VIII. US Diplomacy and the Search for a Middle East Settlement
Readings
Bickerton & Klausner, Chapter 8, pp-193-198; pp. 203-206
George Lenczowski, "The Carter Presidency." (Camp David and Its Aftermath).
- IX. The 1982 Israeli Invasion of Lebanon and its Aftermath
Readings
Bickerton & Klausner, Chapter 9, pp. 210-224.
George Lenczowski, "The Reagan Presidency." (The Tragedy in Lebanon)
- X. The Palestinian Intifada in the 1980s.
Reading
Bickerton & Klausner, pp. 224-236; 237-243 (documents 9-2 through 9-6)
- XI. The Wars of the Gulf: The Iran-Iraq War and the "War for the Liberation of Kuwait".
Reading
George Lenczowski, pp. 203-208 (The Carter Doctrine); 243-254 (US Intervention in the Gulf)
Bickerton & Klausner, pp. 245-250
Map of Kuwait; Ann M. Lesch, "Iraqi Ambitions in the Middle East"
CQ, "The Persian Gulf
- XII. The Elusive Road to Peace: The Madrid Conference and the Oslo Accords
Reading
B&K: pp 250-266; 269-279 (documents 10-3 through 10-8)

- XIII. Israeli-Palestinian Relations after Oslo & US Policy towards Israel and the Palestinians
Reading
Bickerton & Klausner, pp. 284-291; 295-301; 303-307 (document 11-2); 313-326; 331-333; 337-343
- XII. The Third Gulf War: The US War on and Occupation of Iraq
Reading:
Mohammed Ayoob, "The war Against Iraq: Normative and Strategic Implications"

Suggested Books for Review:

The following is a very partial list of recommended books for you to review. Naturally, you can choose a book from outside this list, as long as you clear the title with me.

- Alterman, Jon B. *Sadat and his Legacy*.
- Baiely, Sydney Dawson. *Four Arab-Israeli Wars and the Peace Process*.
- Freedman, Robert. *World Politics and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*.
- Frye, R. *The Near East and the Great Powers*.
- Brecher, Michael. *Decisions in Crises, Israel: 1967 and 1973*.
- Carter, Jimmy. *The Blood of Abraham*.
- Evron, Yair. *War and Intervention in Lebanon: The Israeli-Syrian Deterrence Dialogue*.
- Clawson, Patrick & Gedal, Zoe Danon. *Dollars and Diplomacy: The Impact of U.S. Economic Initiatives on the Arab-Israeli Negotiations*.
- Cobban, Helena. *The Superpowers and the Syrian-Israeli Conflict: Beyond Crisis Management?*

Cobban, Helena. *The Palestine Liberation Organization: People, Power and Politics*

-Gendzier, Irene. *Notes from the Minefield: United States Intervention in Lebanon and the Middle East, 1945-1958.*

-Grose, Peter. *Israel in the Mind of America.*

-Heikal, Mohamad . *Autumn of Fury: The Assassination of Sadat.*

-Heikal, Mohamad . *The Road to Ramadan*

-Hopwood, Derek. Ed. *Arab Nation Arab Nationalism.*

-Ismail, Tareq. *International Relations of the Contemporary Middle East: A Study in World Politics.*

-John Stone, Ian. *Aftermath of the Gulf War: An Assessment of UN Action.*

-Maddy-Weitzman, Bruce. *The Crystalization of the Arab State System: 1945-1954.*

-Makovsky, David. *Making Peace with the PLO: The Rabin Government's Road to the Oslo Accord.*

-Sadowski, Yahia. *Scuds or Butter? The Political Economy of Arms Control in the Middle East.*

-Sefran, Nadav. *From War to War: The Arab-Israeli Confrontation, 1948-1967.*

-Schiff, Ze'ev and Ya'ari Ehud. *Israel's Lebanon War.*

-Taylor, Alan R. *The Super-Powers and the Middle East.*

-Quandt, William. *Decade of Decisions: American Policy Toward the Arab-Israeli Conflict: 1967-1976.*

-Quandt, William. *Peace Process: American Diplomacy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict Since 1967.*