

Schedule

Lectures: Thursdays 10-12pm. (Building A, East Wing, LG12)
Seminar 1: Thursdays 1pm-2pm (Building B, 4.214)
Seminar 2: Thursdays 2pm-3pm (Building C, 4.214)

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Course Content:

This module explores some of the major themes of the relationship between the Arab World and the West in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Its main purpose is to examine the manner in which both cultures formulated certain discourses that informed their perceptions of each other. The module opens with two seminars devoted to the study of Orientalism as a discipline of knowledge and an instrument of power relations. The bulk of the module, however, is primarily concerned with Western concepts and institutions and their transformations in local Arab contexts. These concepts and institutions include military power, liberalism, European secularism versus religion, nationalism, socialism and democracy. The module ends with a seminar on Islamic Fundamentalism, with particular emphasis on its ideological, cultural and political ramifications

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this subject students will be familiar with the principal intellectual and political themes of Western and Arab interactions in the modern world. Students will be able to apply a range of major theories to particular Arab situations and appreciate the complexities of power relations as well as struggles for cultural hegemony.

Topics of Weekly Lectures and Seminars

The literature outlined below should be read in preparation for seminars. Seminars will involve short group presentation based on texts selected from the list of readings. Assessment will be announced during the course.

Week 1	The Paradigms of Orientalism
Week 2	Knowledge and Power
Week 3	Arab Views of the West
Week 4	Europe and Reform
Week 5	The Rise of Islamic Reform Movements
Week 6	European Science and Secularism

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Week 7	Arab Nationalism and European Thought
Week 8	Socialism and Arab Development
Week 9	Democracy and the Arab World
Week 10	Pluralistic Politics in the Arab World
Week 11	Conflict with the West: Islamic Fundamentalism or an Alternative Culture

Indicative Reading:

- Atiyah, Edward, *The Arabs*, Beirut, 1968.
- Ayubi, Nazih N. *Overstating the Arab State*, London, 1995.
- Brown, L.C. *The Surest Path. The Political Treatise of a Nineteenth-Century Muslim*, Harvard University Press, 1967.
- Choueiri, Y. *Islamic Fundamentalism*, London, 1997.
- Chomsky, N. *9-11: Was There an Alternative?*, New York, 1991, 2001.
- *Arab Nationalism. A History*, Oxford, 2000.
- Cleveland, W. *The Making of an Arab Nationalist*, Princeton, 1971.
- Hanna, S. and Gardner, G. *Arab Socialism: a documentary survey*, Leiden, 1969.
- Hermen, S.E. & Chomsky, N. *Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media*, New York, 1988, 2002.
- Hourani, A. *Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age*, Cambridge, 1983.
- Khadduri, M. *Political Trends in the Arab World*, Baltimore, 1970.
- Khuri, R. *Modern Arab Thought. Channels of the French Revolution to the Arab East*, Princeton, 1983.
- Landau, Jacob M. *Parliaments and Parties in Egypt*, Westport, Hyperion Press, 1979.
- Laroui, Abdallah, *The Crisis of the Arab Intellectual*, University of California Press, 1976.
- *L'ideologie arabe contemporaine*, Paris, 1982.
- Lewis, B. *The Middle East and the West*, London, 1968.
- Miller, Susan Gilson editor and translator, *Disorienting Encounters. Travels of a Moroccan Scholar in France in 1845-1846*, Berkeley-Oxford, 1992.
- Owen, Roger, *State, Power and Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East*, London, 1997.
- Piscatori, James, ed., *Islamic Fundamentalisms and the Gulf Crisis*, Chicago, 1991.
- Sharabi, Hisham, *Arab Intellectuals and the West*, Baltimore, 1970.
- Said, E. *Orientalism*, London, 1978, 1985.
- Said, E. *Covering Islam*, London, 1981, 1997.
- Turner, Bryan S. *Orientalism, Postmodernism and Globalism*, London & New York, 1994.

Work and Attendance:

You can achieve the objectives mentioned above only through regular attendance of the lectures and continual reading of the essential course literature. You are required to attend **all** lectures. The department's regular work and attendance guidelines apply.