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JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

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History of the Middle East (HIST 329) has not been offered by the History Department since Spring 2007, and was accordingly dropped from the UAF course catalog. However, I strongly feel that the Middle East is an important area of the world that needs to be covered by the History Department. I revived History of the Middle East in Fall 2013 and taught it as a 400-level special topics course title "Modern Middle East" (HIST F434). I also taught a 600-level independent study graduate course on the Middle East (HIST F697) titled "History of Religious Extremism and Terrorism" in Spring Semester 2015. In short, my course offerings on the Middle East as they are now set up are geared for 400-600 level courses (but to clarify, this is not a stacked course).

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HISTORY F429

HISTORY OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST

Spring 2017

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Description: History of the Modern Middle East (s) 3 Credits 3 Credits

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On September 11, 2001, Muslim militant fundamentalists hijacked four airliners and turned them into missiles and attacked the World Trade Center buildings in New York, the center of world capitalism, and the Pentagon, the nerve center of the United States military. The American people were shocked and dumbfounded. Many saw it as a second "Pearl Harbor." However, these attacks were related to other horrific events around the globe, and such violence against America should have been anticipated had the American public been more keenly aware of recent modern Middle Eastern history. Violence in the name of Islam has occurred around the world, including in countries such as India, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Mali, Somalia, Egypt, Iraq, Algeria, Libya, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Nigeria, Sudan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Spain, Denmark, Russia, Afghanistan, and Japan. What are the historical forces that have been driving violence and terrorism originating from the Middle East?

This is a course on the modern Middle East from the 19th century to the present. It will focus on the birth of the modern Middle Eastern states out of the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the Qajar Dynasty, and the impact of Western colonial powers on Middle Eastern societies and culture. Special attention will be given to the birth of modern secular Turkey; Egypt under military governments for the past half-century; the Iranian Revolution of 1979; the culture of Islam and the theology/ideology of radical militant Islam; the relationship between Saudi Arabia and America; and the George W. Bush administration's decision to go to war against Iraq's Saddam Hussein. The partition of Palestine, the origins of the Jewish state, and the impact of the on-going Israeli-Palestinian conflict on the political dynamics of the entire Islamic world will also be carefully examined. Still more, the contestation between secular nationalisms and religious nationalisms as well as trans-national Islamic movements will also be given special attention. Finally, the impact of radical Islam on the other non-Western countries will be discussed.

Course Schedule

This class meets every Monday evening, 5:50 PM -8:50 PM, in the Gruening Building, Room #401, for a total of 14 sessions, the first session starting on January 25 and the last session ending on May 2.

Office Hours

Mondays: 11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

9:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Fridays: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

And by appointment.

Technology Requirements

Students must have access to a computer and have a University of Alaska email address.

Required Texts/References

This course requires the purchase of the following texts:

- 1) William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, A History of the Modern Middle East
- 2) M.A.S. Abdel Haleem translation, *The Qur'an*,
- 3) Ilan Pappe, The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine
- 4) Johannes J.G. Jansen, The Neglected Duty: The Creed of Sadat's Assassins
- 5) Robert Baer, Sleeping with the Devil: How Washington Sold Our Soul for Saudi Crude
- 6) Michael Isikoff and David Corn, *HUBRIS: The Inside Story of Spin, Scandal, and the Selling of the Iraq War*
- 7) Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Nomad: From Islam to America: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations

Course Work/Expectations

Grades will be based on the following: attendance/class participation (20 points), 3 in-class presentations of 10-15 minutes (50 points each), a midterm paper of 5-7 double-spaced typed pages (50 points), and a final paper of 8-10 double-spaced typed pages in lieu of a final exam (100 points).

Assignment	Points	Total Points
3 In-Class Presentations	50 Pts. Each	150 Pts.
Midterm Paper	50 Pts.	50 Pts.
Final Paper	100 Pts.	100 Pts.
Attendance/Class Participation	20 Pts.	20 Pts.
	Total:	320 Pts.

The final paper, due Tuesday, May 3, should be a paper on a major issue dealt with during this course. Topics for the midterm paper will be handed out two weeks before the due date. You are welcome to choose your own topic for the final paper—a topic relating to the Modern Middle East that has captured your interest and that has been approved by the instructor. No additional readings will be necessary for writing the final paper, however. All students will be expected to prepare for discussions on the assigned readings.

PRESENTATION RUBRIC:

25% each	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unacceptable
Organization	90-100%	80-89%	60-79%	Less than 59%
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Course Goals/Student Learning Outcomes

Course goals include the following:

- 1) To acquire a basic understanding of the core elements of Islamic civilization
- 2) To understand how Middle Eastern nation-states emerged from the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the Qajar Dynasty
- 3) To obtain a historical perspective on the complexity of problems currently facing Middle Eastern countries
- 4) To understand how European powers and the United State impacted events in the Middle East
- 5) To acquire an understanding of the historical forces driving radical Islam in the Middle East
- 6) To introduce the student to various historical methodologies through which to analyze events in the Middle East

By the end of this course, the student should be able to

- 1) Understand the nature and characteristics of premodern empires
- 2) Define and understand the nature of the modern nation-state
- 3) Acquire a conceptual framework through which to analyze the long-range historical processes involved in going from empires to nation-states
- 4) Understand the difficulties involved in moving from authoritarian governments to open pluralistic societies
- 5) Understand how political religions have emerged out of traditional religions traditions
- 6) Write a well-thought out historical argument
- 7) Have an understanding of international relations theory

Attendance and Class Participation

As indicated above, a part of your final grade will be based on class attendance and class participation. Accordingly, regular attendance and class participation are expected. Unexcused

absences will automatically begin to lower your grade 10 points for each missed session. Students are expected to be active participants in class discussions.

Academic Honesty

Students are expected to adhere to the Honor Code and follow university guidelines with regard to plagiarism.

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COURSE OUTLINE

January 25 Introduction to the Modern Middle East Origins and Development of Islamic Civilization to the 18th Century

A. The Rise and Expansion of Islam

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Chapter 1, pp. 1-17.

B. The Development of Islamic Civilization to the Fifteenth Century

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Chapter 2, pp. 18-33.

C. The Ottoman and Safavid Empires

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Chapter 3, pp. 34-52.

February 1 Qur'an: The Supreme Authority in Islam

A. Medinan Suras (Chapters)

Reading: *Qur'an*, M.A.S. Abdel Haleem translation, Suras (Chapters) 1-2, pp. 3-33.

B. Medinan Suras

Reading: *Qur'an*, M.A.S. Abdel Haleem translation, Suras 3-5, pp. 34-79.

C. Meccan and Medinan Suras (Chapters)

Reading: *Qur'an*, M.A.S. Abdel Haleem translation, Suras 6-9, pp. 80-127.

February 8 Collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the Safavid and Qajar Dynasties

A. Reform Movements in the Ottoman Empire

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Two, Chapters 4-5, pp. 56-94.

B. Egypt and Iran in the Late Nineteenth Century

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Two, Chapter 6, pp. 95-108.

C. Response of Islamic Society

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Two, Chapter 7, pp. 109-121.

D. Era of the Young Turks and the Iranian Constitutionalists

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Two, Chapter 8, pp. 122-136.

February 15 End of the Ottoman Empire and the Struggle for Independence

A. World War I and the End of the Ottoman Order

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Two, Chapter 9, pp. 137-158.

B. Authoritarian Reform in Turkey and Iran

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Three, Chapter 10, pp. 162-178.

C. The Arab Struggle for Independence

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Three, Chapters 11-12, pp. 179-220

D. The Palestine Mandate and the Birth of the State of Israel

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Three, Chapter 13, pp. 221-251.

February 22 Independent Middle East from the End of World War II to the 1970s

A. Democracy and Authoritarianism: Turkey and Iran

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Four, Chapter 14, pp. 255-279.

B. Middle East in the Age of Nasser

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Four, Chapters 15-16, pp. 280-321.

C. Israel and the Palestinians from 1948 to the 1970s

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Four, Chapter17, pp. 322-343.

February 29 **Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine**

A. Drive for an Exclusively Jewish State

Reading: Ilan Pappe, *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine*, Preface, pp. xi-xvii; Chapters 1-5, pp. 1-126.

B. Phony War and the Real War Over Palestine

Reading: Ilan Pappe, *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine*, Chapters 6-8, pp. 127-198.

C. Jewish Occupation and its Ugly Face

Reading: Ilan Pappe, *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine*, Chapters 9-12, pp. 199-256.

March 7 **Resurgence of Islam**

A. Iranian Revolution and the Revival of Islam

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Five, Chapter 18, pp. 347-368.

B. Egypt and Lebanon in the 1970s and 1980s

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Five, Chapter 19, pp. 369-392.

C. Islamic Militant Extremism

Reading: Johannes J.G.Jansen, *The Neglected Duty: The Creed of Sadat's Assassins*, Preface to the 2013 Reprint of The Neglected Duty (1986), Preface and Acknowledgments, Introduction, and Chapter 1, pp. vii-34.

March 14 SPRING BREAK (NO CLASS)

March 21 Radical Islam and Terrorism

A. Egypt's Al-Azhar University of Cairo

Reading: Johannes J.G.Jansen, *The Neglected Duty: The Creed of Sadat's Assassins*, Chapter 2, pp. 35-62.

B. Al-Azhar University Graduates: Shaykh Abd al-Hamīd Kishk and Shaykh Muhammad Mutawallī Al-Shaʿrāwī

Reading: Johannes J.G.Jansen, *The Neglected Duty: The Creed of Sadat's Assassins*, Chapters 4-5, pp. 91-150.

C. Translation of Muhammad Abd al-Salām Faraj's Text Titled *Al-Farīdah al-Ghā'ibah*

Reading: Johannes J.G.Jansen, *The Neglected Duty: The Creed of Sadat's Assassins*, pp. 151-229.

March 28 Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Iraq

A. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman and the Smaller Gulf States

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Five, Chapter 20, pp. 393-413.

B. Saudi Arabia and American Foreign Policy

Reading: Robert Baer, Sleeping with the Devil: How Washington Sold Our Soul for Saudi Crude, Prologue: The Doomsday Scenario, Chapters 1-12, Epilogue, Afterword, pp. xvii-223.

- April 4 Consolidation of Authoritarian Rule in Syria and Iraq; Iran-Iraq War, 1980-1988
 - A. Consolidation of Secular Authoritarian Rule in Iraq and Religious Rule in Iran

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Five, Chapter 21, pp. 414-431.

B. Iran-Iraq War, 1980-1988

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Five, Chapter 21, pp. 431-437.

- April 11 Palestinian *Intifada*, 1987-1991; Gulf Crisis of 1990-1991; From Desert Shield to Desert Storm; Israeli-Palestinian Relations since the Gulf War
 - A. Palestinian Intifada, 1987-1991; Gulf Crisis of 1990-1991; From Desert Shield to Desert Storm

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Six, Chapter 22, pp. 441-462.

B. Israeli-Palestinian Relations Since the Gulf War

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Six, Chapter 23, pp. 463-486.

- April 18 Turkey, Iran, and Lebanon since the 1990s; American Policy-Making on the Middle East in the George W. Bush Administration
 - A. Turkey, Iran, and Lebanon

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Six, Chapter 24, pp. 487-504.

B. America in the Middle East

Reading: William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*, Part Six, Chapter 24, pp. 505-517.

C. The George W. Bush Administration, Saddam Hussein, and Making a Case for War

Reading: Michael Isikoff and David Corn, *HUBRIS: The Inside Story of Spin, Scandal, and the Selling of the Iraq War*, Introduction & Chapters 1-4, pp.1-84.

April 25 The George W. Bush Administration's Selling of the Iraq War

A. Manufacturing a Case for War Against Saddam Hussein

Reading: Michael Isikoff and David Corn, *HUBRIS: The Inside Story of Spin*, *Scandal, and the Selling of the Iraq War*, Introduction & Chapters 5-10, pp. 85-190.

B. Bush Administration's Fabrications and Lies Exposed

Reading: Michale Isikoff and David Corn, *HUBRIS: The Inside Story of Spin, Scandal, and the Selling of the Iraq War*, Chapters 11-16, pp. 191-316.

May 2 Understanding the Muslim Mind and the Culture of Radical Islam

A. A Muslim Family

Reading: Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *Nomad: From Islam to America: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations*, Introduction & Chapters 1-7, pp. xi-92.

B. Clash of Civilizations and the Opening of the Muslim Mind

Reading: Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *Nomad: From Islam to America: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations*, Chapters 8-16, pp. 95-254.