

SISME 531

Reading Seminar on Middle East Studies

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All books are available in the University Bookstore, and other readings can be found on the course website:

<https://catalyst.uw.edu/workspace/esrab/25788/>

This quarter the colloquium will be constituted as a reading group. The readings are drawn from suggestions of NMES faculty members, who responded to the exclamation: "What!? You have a graduate degree in Middle East studies and you have not read...!" In other words, the readings are mostly canonical texts in the field but that somehow have been dropped from course syllabi in recent years. A bibliography is appended that consists of other suggestions made by faculty members, which did not make the final cut.

Each week, a couple of students will take responsibility for leading the discussion. In addition, every student should come to the seminar with a one-page paper on the week's reading, including questions, ideas, insights about the reading.

Readings

January 4:

1. Lewis, Bernard. "The Question of Orientalism." *The New York Review of Books* 11 (1982): 49-56.
2. Said, Edward; Grabar, Oleg and Lewis, Bernard. "Orientalism: An Exchange." *The New York Review of Books* 13 (1982): 44-48.

(Both are available on the course website)

January 11: Khaldun, Ibn. *Muqaddimah: An Introduction to History*. Translated by Franz Rosenthal. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004.

January 18: Hourani, Albert. *A History of the Arab Peoples*. Harvard: Harvard University Press, 2002.

January 25: Hodgson, Marshall. "An Introduction to the Study of Islamic Civilization." In *The Venture of Islam: Conscience and History in a World Civilization*, 2-70. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 1968.

February 1: Gibb, Hamilton A. R. *An Interpretation of Islamic History*. Lahore: Orientalia Publishers, 1957.

(Available on the course website)

February 8: Kedourie, Elie. *The Chatham House Version and Other Middle Eastern Studies*. Chicago: Ivan Dee, 2004.

February 15: Mahfouz, Najib. *Palace Walk: The Cairo Trilogy, Volume 1*. New York: Doubleday, 1991.

February 22: Lawrence, T. E. *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*. New York: Anchor Books, 1991.

February 29: Geertz, Clifford. *Islam Observed: Religious Development in Morocco and Indonesia*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1968.

March 6: Mitchell, Timothy. *Colonizing Egypt*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1988.

Additional Suggested Readings

Suggested by Joel Migdal:

Roy, Olivier. *The Politics of Chaos in the Middle East*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2008.

Smith, Wilfred Cantwell. *Islam in Modern History*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1957.

Fanon, Frantz. *A Dying Colonialism*. New York: Grove Press, 1967.

Memmi, Albert. *The Colonizer and the Colonized*. New York: Orion Press, 1965.

Suggested by Terri DeYoung:

Rosenthal, Franz. *Knowledge Triumphant; the Concept of Knowledge in Medieval Islam*. Leiden: Brill, 1970.

Cook, M. A. *Studies in the Economic History of the Middle East: From the rise of Islam to Present Day*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1970.

Richards, Alan and Waterbury, John. *A Political Economy of the Middle East*. Boulder, Colo.: Westview Press, 1990.

Euben, Roxanne L. and Zaman, Muhammad Qasim. *Princeton Readings in Islamic Thought*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009.

Dawisha, Adeed. *Arab Nationalism in the Twentieth Century*. Princeton: University of Princeton Press, 2003.

Bennison, Amira. *The Great Caliphs: The Golden Age of Abbasid Empire*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009.

Cook, David. *Understanding Jihad*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005.

Kuran, Timur. *Various Writings on Islamic Economics*

Suggested by Ellis Goldberg:

Waterbury, John. *North for the Trade*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1973.

Suggested by Joel Walker:

Mottahedeh, Roy. *Mantle of the Prophet: Religion and Politics in Iran*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1985.

Byron, Robert. *Road to Oxiana*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1982.

Larson, Mogen Trolles. *Excavations in an Antique Land, 1840-1860*. New York: Routledge, 1996.

Hopkirk, Peter. *The Great Game: The Struggle for Empire in Central Asia*. New York: Kodansha International, 1992.

Firdowsi or Rumi (paired with an excerpt from one of AnneMarie Schimmel's books)

Suggested by Arzoo Osanloo:

Lockman, Zachary. *Contending Visions of the Middle East: the History and Politics of Orientalism*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

Messick, Brinkley M. *The Calligraphic State: Textual Domination and History in a Muslim Society*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996.

Abu-Lughod, Lila. "The Romance of Resistance: Tracing Transformations of Power through Bedouin Women." *American Ethnologist* 17, (1990): 41-55.

Suggested by Shaun Lopez:

Najmabadi, Afsaneh. *Women with Mustaches, Men Without Beards*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005.

Powell, Eve Trout. *A Different Shade of Colonialism: Egypt, Great Britain and the Mastery of Sudan*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003.

Beinin, Joel. *The Dispersion of Egyptian Jewry: Culture, Politics and the Formation of a Modern Diaspora*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998.

Suggested by Selim Kuru:

Kunt, Metin. *The Sultan's Servants: The Transformation of Ottoman Provincial Government, 1550-1650*. New York: Columbia University Press: 1983.

Ostle, Robin, ed. *Modern Literature in the Near and Middle East 1850–1970*. New York: Routledge, 1991.