

M.Phil. in MMES

Paper: The History of the Middle East, 1860-1958

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Topic 1: Tanzimat and Social Change:

TANZIMAT

Readings: Roderic Davison, *Reform in the Ottoman Empire, 1856-1876*.
Stanford J. Shaw and Ezel Kural Shaw, *History of the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey*, vol. 2, ch. 2.
Nizazi Berkes, *The Development of Secularism in Turkey*
Bernard Lewis, *The Emergence of Modern Turkey*
Roger Owen, *The Middle East in the World Economy*, chs 2-3.

SOCIAL CHANGE IN SYRIA

Readings: Leila Fawaz, *An Occasion for War*
Ussama Makdisi, *The Culture of Sectarianism: Community, history and violence in nineteenth-century Ottoman Lebanon*
Linda S. Schilcher, *Families in Politics*
Mikhayil Mishaqa, *Murder, Mayhem, Pillage and Plunder* (W.Thackston, tr.).
Albert Hourani, 'Ottoman Reform and the Politics of Notables,' and
Kamal Salibi, 'The 1860 Upheaval in Damascus as seen by al-Sayyid Muhammad Abu'l-Su'ud al-Hasibi, Notable and Later *Naqib al-Ashraf* of the City,' in W.Polk and R.Chambers, *The Beginnings of Modernization in the Middle East: The nineteenth century*
Bruce Masters, 'The 1850 Events in Aleppo: An Aftershock of Syria's Incorporation into the Capitalist World System,' in *The International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* (IJMES) 22 (1990) 3-20.

ESSAY

Provide a socio-economic explanation for the events of 1860 in Lebanon and Damascus. Compare and contrast the two examples.

Topic 2: Bankruptcy and Imperialism

BACKGROUND

Roger Owen, *The Middle East in the World Economy, 1800-1914* (London, 1981)

EGYPT -- Contemporary Accounts

Lord Cromer, *Modern Egypt* (New York, 1908)

W.S.Blunt, *The Secret History of the British Occupation of Egypt*

Readings: Alexander Schölch, *Egypt for the Egyptians* (London, 1981)

Juan Cole, *Colonialism and Revolution in the Middle East* (Princeton NJ,)

David Landes, *Bankers and Pashas* (Cambridge MA,)

Jacques Berque, *Egypt: Imperialism and Revolution* (New York,)

ESSAY

1. Explain how the bankruptcy and subsequent European intervention in Egypt's finances resulted in the British occupation of 1882.

alternate:

2. How persuasive are arguments drawing on the “incorporation model” in explaining the Ottoman bankruptcy of 1875 and its aftermath?

Topic 3: Abdulhamid II and the Young Turks

- Readings* Stanford Shaw and Ezel Kural Shaw, *The History of the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey, vol. 2 (1808-1975)*, (Cambridge, 1985), chapters on Abdülhamid II and the Young Turks (up to countercoup of 1909)
- Bernard Lewis, *The Emergence of Modern Turkey* (London, 1968) Chapters 6 and 7.
- Niyazi Berkes, *The Development of Secularism in Turkey* (Montreal, 1964).
- M. Sukru Hanioglu, *The Young Turks in Opposition* (OUP, 1995).
- Feroz Ahmad, *The Young Turks: The Committee of Union and Progress in Turkish Politics, 1908-1914* (OUP, 1969).
- Selim Deringil, *The Well-Protected Domains: Ideology and the legitimation of power in the Ottoman Empire, 1876-1909* (London, 1997).
- F.A.K. Yasamee, *Ottoman diplomacy: Abdülhamid II and the Great Powers, 1878-1888* (Istanbul, 1996).

ESSAY

What aspects of Abdülhamid II's reign gave rise to opposition by Young Turk movements, and how could he best have contained their threat to his government?

Topic 4: The Origins of Arab Nationalism

- Readings:* George Antonius, *The Arab Awakening: The story of the Arab national movement* (London, 1938).
- Albert Hourani, *Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age 1798-1939* (Oxford, 1962).
- Sylvia Haim, ed, *Arab Nationalism: An anthology* (Berkeley, 1964).
- Zeine Zeine, *The Emergence of Arab Nationalism*, 3rd ed. (New York, 1973).
- C. Ernest Dawn, *From Ottomanism to Arabism: Essays on the Origins of Arab Nationalism* (Urbana IL, 1973)
- Rashid Khalidi, “Arab Nationalism: Historical Problems in the Literature,” *American Historical Review* 96.5 (Dec. 1991) 1363-1373.
- Rashid Khalidi, Lisa Anderson, Muhammad Muslih, Reeva Simon, eds, *The Origins of Arab Nationalism* (New York, 1991), esp. articles by Dawn, Khalidi and Hanioglu.
- Eliezer Tauber, *The Emergence of the Arab Movements* (London, 1993).
- Hasan Kayali, *Arabs and Young Turks: Ottomanism, Arabism and Islamism in the Ottoman Empire, 1908-1918* (Berkeley CA, 1997).

ESSAY

1. Using Rashid Khalidi's review article as a point of departure, how have the basic premises of the debate on the origins of Arab nationalism changed between George Antonius's initial statement, and authors writing in the 1990s?

alternately

2. How influential were Turkification measures under the Young Turks in exacerbating Arabist movements between 1908 and 1918? (with particular reference to the work of Kayali and Hanioglu)

alternately

3. Had Arabism become a majority movement in the Arab provinces of the Ottoman Empire before 1918? (with particular reference to the work of Dawn and Khalidi)

Topic 5: Interwar Egypt

Readings: M.W.Daly, ed, *The Cambridge History of Egypt*, vol. 2, essays by Daly, Botman and Beinlin.
Jacques Berque, *Egypt: Imperialism and Revolution*
Marius Deeb, *Party Politics in Egypt: The Wafd and its Rivals, 1919-1939*
Janice Terry, *The Wafd, 1919-1952*
Nadav Safran, *Egypt in Search of Political Community*
Gabriel Warburg, "The 'three-legged stool': Lampson, Faruq, and Nahhas, 1936-1944," in Warburg, *Egypt and the Sudan*.
Hassan Youssef, "The Democratic Experience in Egypt, 1923-1952," in Ali Hillal Desouki, ed, *Democracy in Egypt*, *Cairo Papers in Social Science* (1978).

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What factors prevented Egyptian nationalists from achieving their objective of complete independence between 1919 and 1936?

Topic 6: The Palestine Mandate

Readings: Ann Mosely Lesch, *Arab Politics in Palestine, 1917-1939: The frustration of a nationalist movement* (1979).
Issa Khalaf, *Politics in Palestine: Arab Factionalism and Social Disintegration, 1939-1948* (1991).
Naomi Shepherd, *Ploughing Sand: British Rule in Palestine* (1999).
Tom Segev, *One Palestine, Complete: Jews and Arabs under the British Mandate* (2000).
Ted Swedenberg, 'The Role of the Palestinian Peasantry in the Great Revolt (1936-1939),' in Edmund Burke III and Ira Lapidus, eds, *Islam, Politics and Social Movements*, (1988) pp. 169-203.
Rashid Khalidi, 'The Palestinians and 1948: the underlying causes of failure,' in Eugene Rogan and Avi Shlaim, *The War for Palestine* (Cambridge, 2001) pp 12-36.

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What were the causes and consequences of the Arab Revolt of 1936-39?

Readings:

Topic 7: The French in Syria and Arab Nationalism

Readings: Philip Khoury, *Syria and the French Mandate: the politics of Arab Nationalism, 1920-1945* (1987)

James Gelvin, 'The Social Origins of Popular Nationalism in Syria: Evidence for a New Framework,' *IJMES* 26 (1994) 645-661.

Joyce Laverty Miller, 'The Syrian Revolt of 1925,' *IJMES* 8 (1977).

Elizabeth Thompson, *Colonial Citizens: Republican Rights, Paternal Privilege, and Gender in French Syria and Lebanon* (2000).

Philip Khoury, 'Syrian Urban Politics in Transition: The Quarters of Damascus during the French Mandate,' *IJMES* 16 (1984) 507-40.

Peter Shambrook, *French Imperialism in Syria, 1927-1936* (1998).

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How did the experience of the French Mandate shape the nationalist movement in Syria?

Topic 6: Nasser's Revolution in Egypt and the Arab World, 1952-58

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Readings: Patrick Seale, *The Struggle for Syria* (London, 1965, 1986).

Malik Mufti, *Sovereign Creations: Pan-Arabism and Political Order in Syria and Iraq* (Ithaca, 1996), chapters 4-7.

P.J.Vatikiotis, *Nasser and His Generation* (London, 1978).

Gamal Abdel Nasser, *The Philosophy of the Revolution*.

Raymond Baker, *Egypt's Uncertain Revolution Under Nasser and Sadat*

Anouar Abdel Malek, *Egypt: Military Society*

Joel Gordon, *Nasser's Blessed Movement*

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How did Egypt's revolution influence the wider Middle East between 1952 and 1958?