

HIST 230/PSCI 257: Introduction to the Middle East

Spring, 2021

Online, 1:00-2:20pm EST Tuesday and Thursday on Zoom

Instructor: **Dr. B. Momani**

Professor's Virtual Drop-In Office Hours: Online, 2:20- 3pm EST Tuesday and Thursday or by appointment through UW Learn.

Contact Policy or Header Notes: Please try to drop in during office hours to talk. Let's not use email. However, you can contact your TA Morgan Slessor by email or post a question to the discussion board for the TA and professor to respond to. A few things to remember when emailing:

- Please use UW Learn email services for contacting your TA.
- Please remember to sign your email with a first and last name and your student number.
- Please allow up to 24 hours for a response to your email.
- Please note that your TA do not have to answer emails after 4:00pm on weekdays or on weekends (4:00pm Friday to 9:00am Monday).
- **Email should be used for brief questions that can be answered quickly.** If you want to discuss course material, assignments, or another matter in greater detail, please drop into virtual office hours or make an appointment to meet at some other time convenient for both.

Special Add/Drop Deadlines for this Course:

<i>Add deadline</i>	<i>Last day to WD @ 100%</i>	<i>Last day to WD @ 50%</i>	<i>Last day to WD</i>	<i>Last day to WF</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Friday, May 14, 2021	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Monday, May 31, 2021	Friday, June 11, 2021	Friday, June 18, 2021	Friday, June 18, 2021

Note that the process to drop block courses is different than usual. Students must email the Registrar's Office (ROREC1@uwaterloo.ca) by the above deadline schedule to withdraw from the course.

Teaching Assistant:

Email: mdslesso@uwaterloo.ca

Virtual Live Office Hours: Monday and Friday 12-1pm EST from May 14 to June 21 2021.
Zoom links are available in UW Learn.

Course Description: This course examines the modern political history of the Middle East, with an emphasis on international affairs. This course attempts to demonstrate how the Middle East can best be understood as the result of complex historical and political interactions between factors at the national, regional, and global levels. We will examine colonization of the Middle East, self-determination, the rise of nation-states, Arab-Israeli conflicts, the Cold War, the history of US foreign policy in shaping the modern Middle East, and the Arab Spring.

Pre-Requisites: Level at least 2A. Strongly recommended.

Course Objectives:

By the end of this course, students should:

- Political History of the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region;
- Arab – Israeli Conflicts;
- History of foreign policy towards MENA region;
- Revolution and democratic transition in the MENA region

University Regulations

Cross-listed course

Please note that a cross-listed course will count in all respective averages no matter under which rubric it has been taken. For example, a PHIL/PSCI cross-list will count in a Philosophy major average, even if the course was taken under the Political Science rubric.

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity: In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. See the [UWaterloo Academic Integrity webpage](#) for more information.

Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. Check [the Office of Academic Integrity](#) for more information. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g.,

plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71 - Student Discipline](#). For typical penalties check [Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties](#).

Grievances and Appeals

Grievance: A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read [Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances](#), Section 4. When in doubt, please be certain to contact the department’s administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

Appeals: A decision made or penalty imposed under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes he/she has a ground for an appeal should refer to [Policy 72 - Student Appeals](#).

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

Note for students with disabilities: The [AccessAbility Services](#) office, located on the first floor of the Needles Hall extension (room 1401), collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the AccessAbility Services office at the beginning of each academic term.

If you are using Turnitin® in your course

Turnitin.com: Text matching software (Turnitin®) will be used to screen assignments in this course. This is being done to verify that use of all material and sources in assignments is documented. Students will be given an option if they do not want to have their assignment screened by Turnitin®. In the first week of the term, details will be provided about arrangements and alternatives for the use of Turnitin® in this course.

Note: students must be given a reasonable option if they do not want to have their assignment screened by Turnitin®. See [guidelines for instructors](#) for more information.

Mental Health Services

On Campus

- Counselling Services: counselling.services@uwaterloo.ca / 519-888-4567 xt 32655
- [MATES](#): one-to-one peer support program offered by Federation of Students (FEDS) and Counselling Services
- Health Services Emergency service: located across the creek from Student Life Centre

Off campus, 24/7

- [Good2Talk](#): Free confidential help line for post-secondary students. Phone: 1-866-925-5454

- Grand River Hospital: Emergency care for mental health crisis. Phone: 519-749-433 ext. 6880
- [Here 24/7](#): Mental Health and Crisis Service Team. Phone: 1-844-437-3247
- [OK2BME](#): set of support services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning teens in Waterloo. Phone: 519-884-0000 extension 213

Text:

Mehran Kamrava. *MODERN MIDDLE EAST*. University of California Press 2013. Third Edition (2nd edition does not include updated material in chapters 7-11). ISBN: 978-0-520-27781-6 [Available at the Library for download](#) of chapters. Please NOTE: The user model for this book allows you to download a chapter at a time, every 24 hours. If you are blocked from downloading you may need to wait until your access to the book gets reset.

There are lots of used versions of this text available online for very cheap as well.

Course Requirements, Expectations, and Standards:

Expectations:

It is expected that you have read the course readings **prior to the week's lectures**. Note that lectures will not repeat the readings, but rather complement the readings. If you have questions regarding the readings, please address them during my office hours. Exams and tests will be based on readings and lectures. If you miss a class, it is recommended that you watch the taped lecture. Slide deck will be placed on UW LEARN. Note that due to the large number of students in this class, *I will not give lecture notes to students to photocopy or borrow.* Also, please do not request a copy electronically.

Assignments, Tests & Exams:

Assignment	Due Date	Value
Discussion posts 5% x 6 weeks	Weekly on Friday by 5pm EST	30%
First online multiple-choice quiz	June 2 (TIME TBD)	15%
Second online multiple-choice quiz	June 24 th (TIME TBD)	15%
Final take home essay, open book and cumulative	Due June 29, 11:59pm EST	40%

Online Multiple-Choice Quiz

You will have 2 quizzes to test your knowledge of lectures, readings, and interviews with guest lecturers.

Final Essay

You will get to pick from a number of essay topics to write on. Must be submitted on UW Learn by June 29, 11:59pm EST.

Discussion Posts:

This grade is based on submitting intelligent and thoughtful questions for me to ask guest interviews. Six interviews of 30minutes each will be posted with guest experts by Tuesday mornings, weekly. You will be graded on the sophistication of your questions to the course content. This is not a group assignment, so if there's duplication of exact questions, you will not get credit. Best questions will be asked of the guests and you'll be awarded with higher grades for the better the questions are. Your questions may not get asked, but it is considered adequate and in which case a midlevel grade will be assigned. Poor questions will not be given a grade. These guest interviews will be recorded and watching them will be required to do well on the quizzes and final essay, not just this assignment.

1. Your Questions Due Friday May 14: Discussion Posts on Interview with Laurence DesChamps on Canadian Foreign Policy toward the Middle East (Interview Posted on Tuesday May 18th)

Bio: Visiting Scholar at the CÉRIUM, Visiting Professor at the Université de Montréal and until recently, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Ms. Deschamps-Laporte holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. from Oxford University where she was a Rhodes Scholar. She is a specialist of the Middle East, the study of Islamist movements and Salafism. She is interested in the study of Canadian foreign policy, feminism in international relations, and Middle East politics and society. She has advised three Canadian foreign ministers and was formerly a consultant with McKinsey. Professor Deschamps-Laporte discusses her professional and academic background and the development and challenges of implementing Canadian feminist foreign policy.

2. Your Questions Due Friday May 21st: Discussion Posts on Interview with Robert Danin on US Foreign Policy toward the Middle East (Interview Posted on Wednesday May 26)

Bio: Robert M. Danin is a non-resident senior fellow with the Future of Diplomacy Project at Harvard Kennedy School. He is also a senior fellow for Middle East studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. Prior to joining CFR, he headed the Jerusalem mission of the Quartet representative, Tony Blair, from April 2008 until August 2010. A former career US State Department official with over twenty years of Middle East experience, Dr. Danin previously

served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs with responsibilities for Israeli-Palestinian issues and Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt. He also served at the National Security Council for over three years, first as Director for Israeli-Palestinian affairs and the Levant and then as acting Senior Director for Near East and North African affairs. A recipient of the State Department's Superior Honor Award, Dr. Danin served as a Middle East and Gulf specialist on the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff, and as a State Department senior Middle East political and military analyst.

3. Your Questions Due Friday May 28th: Discussion Posts on Interview with Nathan Brown on Israel/Palestine (Interview Posted on Thursday June 3rd)

Bio: Nathan J. Brown, a professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University, is a distinguished scholar and author of six well-received books on Arab politics. Brown brings his special expertise on Islamist movements, Egyptian politics, Palestinian politics, and Arab law and constitutionalism to Carnegie. He has previously served as an advisor for the committee drafting the Palestinian constitution, USAID, the United Nations Development Program, and several NGOs. For 2013-2015 he is president of the Middle East Studies Association, the academic association for scholars studying the region.

4. Your Questions Due Friday June 4: Discussion Posts on Interview with Randa Slim on Diplomacy regarding Syria or Iran/Saudi (Interview Posted on Tuesday June 8)

Bio: Randa Slim is the Director of the Conflict Resolution and Track II Dialogues Program at the Middle East Institute and a non-resident fellow at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced and International Studies (SAIS) Foreign Policy Institute. A former vice president of the International Institute for Sustained Dialogue, Slim has been a senior program advisor at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, a guest scholar at the United States Institute of Peace, a program director at Resolve, Inc, and a program officer at the Kettering Foundation. A long-term practitioner of Track II dialogue and peace-building processes in the Middle East and Central Asia, she is the author of several studies, book chapters, and articles on conflict management, post-conflict peace-building, and Middle East politics.

5. Your Questions Due Friday June 11: Discussion Posts on Interview with Hassan Hassan on ISIS (Interview Posted on Tuesday June 15)

Bio: Hassan Hassan is the founder and editor in chief of Newlines. He is the director of the Human Security Unit at the Newlines Institute for Strategy and Policy. He is also the coauthor of "ISIS: Inside the Army of Terror," a New York Times Bestseller selected as one of The Times of London's best books of 2015 and as one of the Wall Street Journal's top 10 books on terrorism.

6. Your Questions Due Friday June 18: Discussion Posts on Interview with Paul Heinbecker on Canada and the Iraq War (Interview Posted on Tuesday June 22)

Bio: Paul Heinbecker, served as director of the US division in the External Affairs Department, and head of policy planning, where he wrote foreign policy speeches for Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Secretaries of State Mark MacGuigan and Joe Clark. Paul was subsequently appointed to the Canadian embassy in Washington where he led work on cross-border issues, notably acid rain, and on international affairs, including NATO, arms control and disarmament. In 1989, Paul returned to Ottawa to be Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's chief foreign policy adviser and speechwriter, and assistant secretary to cabinet for foreign and defence policy. In 1992, he was named ambassador to Germany, where he focused on NATO's response to the Bosnian war and promoted Canada's position on European Union overfishing. In 1996, he returned to Canada as assistant deputy minister for global and security policy, advising Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy on Canada's human security agenda. He also led the Canadian delegation to the Kyoto climate change negotiations and headed the interdepartmental task force on Kosovo. In the summer of 2000, he was appointed permanent representative of Canada to the UN where, among other things, he advocated on behalf of the International Criminal Court, promoted the Responsibility to Protect doctrine and counselled the Canadian Government to stay out of the Iraq war.

Lecture Schedule

May 11: The Middle East – An Introduction

Lecture Topic: Who, What, Where, and Why Study the Middle East?

Readings: [Introduction Chapter](#) to Jillian Schwedler in Understanding the Contemporary Middle East

May 13: WW1 and its Aftermath in the ME

Lecture Topic: Fall of the Ottoman Empire, Rise of Kemal Ataturk in Turkey

Readings: "Turkey's New Presidential System and A Changing West: Implications For Turkish Foreign Policy And Turkey West Relations" by Kemal Kirişçi and İlke Toygür.

Brookings Institution https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/20190111_turkey_presidential_system.pdf

May 18: European Colonialism in the Middle East

Lecture Topics: Treaty of Levre, Balfour Declaration, Sykes-Picot Agreement, Carving the Middle East, Neocolonialism

Readings: Kamrava, Ch 2.

May 20: Arab-Israeli Conflicts

Lecture Topics: 1948 to 1973 Wars,

Readings Kamrava, Ch.9

NO CLASS MAY 25 Due to Victoria Day spillover

May 27: Arab-Israeli Interlude of Peace

Lecture Topics: Intifada I and II, Camp David I and II, and Oslo

Readings: Two States or One? Reappraising the Israeli-Palestinian Impasse

Edward P. Djerejian, Marwan Muasher, Nathan J. Brown, Samih Al-Abid, Tariq Dana, Dahlia Scheindlin, Gilead Sher, Khalil Shikaki. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

https://carnegieendowment.org/files/CarnegieBaker_Palestine_Final1.pdf

June 1: Arab Nationalism

Lecture Topics: Nasser's Pan-Arabism; Suez Canal Crisis

Readings: Kamrava, Ch 3.

June 2nd ONLINE QUIZ- Exact time will be noted on UW LEARN

June 3: Arab Cold War

Lecture Topics: US and Soviet Intervention; Case of Lebanon

Readings: Kamrava, Ch.7

June 8: Islamic Revivalism in the Middle East

Lecture Topics: Iranian Revolution and its regional implications

Readings: Kamrava, Ch.5

June 10: Conflicts in the Persian Gulf

Lecture Topics: Iran- Iraq War, Persian Gulf War I and II; Invasion of Iraq 2003

Readings: Kamrava, Ch. 6

June 15: Arab Spring

Lecture Topics: Revolution in Egypt, Syria, and Yemen

Readings: POMEPS Studies 11, "The Arab Thermidor: The Resurgence of the Security State". Washington, D.C. Feb 2015. Pages 1-40; See link here: http://pomeps.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/POMEPS_Studies_11_Thermidor_Web.pdf

June 17: Counter-revolution, Fragmentation and Civil War Post-Arab Spring

Lecture Topics: The Rise of ISIS

Readings: See link here:

<http://www.terrorismanalysts.com/pt/index.php/pot/article/view/442/html>

JUNE 24th ONLINE QUIZ- Exact time will be noted on UW LEARN