

HISTORY 167
MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC HISTORY

Fall, 2009
Block F+, T.Th. 12:00-1:15

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Office Hours: Tues. 2:00 -3:00
Wed. 10:30-11:30

Schedule of Classes

1. Sept. 8 Introduction
2. Sept. 10 Arabia at the Time of Muhammad

3. Sept. 15 The Middle East at the Time of the Conquests
4. Sept. 17 The Prophet and His Revelation
Discussion: The Qur=an

5. Sept. 22 Formation of the Community
6. Sept. 24 The Great Conquests
Discussion: Historiography of the Prophet and the Qur=an

7. Sept. 29 The Rashidun Caliphs and the Civil Wars
8. Sept. 30 The Caliphate and the Beginnings of Shi'ism

9. Oct. 6 Meet on group projects
10. Oct. 8 Meet on group projects

- . Oct 13 NO CLASS, MONDAY SCHEDULE
11. Oct. 15 Discussion: Sunni and Shi'i: views of history

12. Oct. 20 The Umayyads and the Growth of a Muslim Society
13. Oct. 22 The Abbasid Dynasty
Discussion: The Making of Arab Identity

14. Oct. 27 Court and Military
15. Oct. 29 Government and Society
Discussion: Arab Literature

16. Nov 3 The Fatimid Dynasty
- 17 Nov. 5 Independent Dynasties in the East
Discussion: Rethinking Royal Legitimation

18. Nov. 10 The Rise of Persian Culture
19. Nov. 12 Invasion by Turks and Crusaders
Discussion: Iranians, Turks and Arabs

20. Nov. 17 Turks in Power
 21. Nov. 19 Mongol Invasion and Rule
 Discussion: Mirrors for Princes
22. Nov. 24 The Mamluk Sultanate
 Nov. 26 THANKSGIVING
23. Dec. 1 Social Change and the Rise of Sufism
 24. Dec. 3 The Reconfiguration of the Middle East
 Discussion: Sufism and Society
25. Dec. 8 Islam and Europe
 26. Dec. 10 Discussion: Perspectives on Islamic History

Course Readings:

The following required books are available for purchase at the bookstore. Books will also be on reserve at the Tisch Library. Additional readings will be made available on Blackboard. Videos are on reserve at Tisch Media Center.

Tor Andrae, *Muhammad, the Man and his Faith*, trans. T. Menzel
 Jonathan Berkey, *The Formation of Islam*, Cambridge University Press
 Gerald Hawting, *The First Dynasty of Islam*, Croom Helm
 Hugh Kennedy, *When Baghdad ruled the Muslim World*, Da Capo Press, 2004.

Course Requirements:

Map quiz, Sept. 29
 Group Discussion project, Oct. 15
 Essay on discussion topic., due Oct. 20
 Take-home midterm, due Nov. 17
 Book review on extra reading, due Dec. 8
 Final Exam, 48 hour take-home, due Dec. 18

Please organize your life around these dates. They will not be changed for individual convenience. Assignments must be submitted in hard copy; late papers will receive a lower grade.

Schedule of Reading Assignments:

- Week of Sept. 8:** BERKEY, Chaps. 1-4
ANDRAE, Chapt. 2
- Week of Sept. 15:** ANDRAE, Chaps. 3-5
“Qur'an@ (Blackboard)
optional: view "The Message"
- Week of Sept. 22:** ANDRAE, Chaps. 6-7
AHistoriography of the Prophet and the Qur=an,@ (Blackboard)
- Week of Sept. 29:** HAWTING,, Chaps. 1-4
BERKEY, Chaps. 5-11.
view: "Guardians of the Sacred Flame," in series, Crossroads of Civilization
- Week of Oct. 6:** HAWTING, chaps. 3-8
BERKEY, Chaps. 12-15
View “Mecca the Forbidden City
Sunni and Shi’i (Blackboard)
- Week of Oct. 13:** HAWTING, Chaps. 5-8
KENNEDY, through Chapt. 2.
- Week of Oct. 20:** KENNEDY, Chaps. 3-5
Lapidus, AThe Separation of State and Religion,@ (Blackboard)
“The Making of Arab Identity” (Blackboard)
- Week of Oct. 27:** KENNEDY, Chaps. 6-8
“Arab literature” (Blackboard)
- Week of Nov. 3:** KENNEDY, Chaps. 9-10
D.O. Morgan, *Medieval Persia*, Chaps. 1-2 (on reserve)
Hattstein and Markus, “The Fatimids,” pp. 141-63 (on reserve)
Gibb, “Al-Mawardi’s Theory of the Caliphate.” (Blackboard)
“Rethinking Royal Legitimation” (Blackboard)
- Week of Nov. 10:** BERKEY, Chaps. 16-18
Morgan, Chaps. 3-5
view “Grass.”
AIranians, Turks and Arabs@ (Blackboard)

Week of Nov. 17: BERKEY, Chapt. 19-21
MORGAN, Chapt. 6-8
“Mirrors for Princes” (Blackboard)

Week of Nov. 24: Hattstein, “Syria, Palestine and Egypt, pp. 165-180,
and skim rest.
“The Post-Mongol Middle East” (Blackboard)
Lutfi, “Manners and Customs of Fourteenth-Century Cairene Women”
(Blackboard)

Week of Dec. 1: BERKEY, Chapt. 22-end
Morgan, Chapt. 9-11
Materials on Sufism (Blackboard)

Week of Dec. 5: “Europe and Islam.” (Blackboard)
“The Middle East in the Middle Periods” (Blackboard)