

**PSCI 3203A
Government and Politics in the Middle East**

Tuesday 8:35 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.
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Course Description and Objective:

Knowledge and understanding of politics, economy, society and culture of countries in the Middle East from the late 19th century to the present by relying upon social sciences and humanities.

This is a lecture course. (The prerequisites for this course are third-year standing and PSCI 2102 Comparative Politics of Development and Underdevelopment.) Every week there will be three fifty-minute lectures. Needless to say, I expect you not to miss the lectures.

Texts:

Roger Owen, State, Power and Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East 3rd ed. Available at All Books (327 Rideau (next to the ByTowne Cinema); 789-9544). One copy of the book is available for this course on reserve at the MacOdrum Library.

Ahdaf Soueif, The Map of Love
Available at Haven Books (43 Seneca Street; 730-9888).

Evaluation:

Assignment no. 1 on Edward W. Said's critique of Orientalism.
Due January 31. (25%) Late assignments will be penalized two letter grades per day.

Assignment no. 2 review of Ahdaf Soueif's novel The Map of Love.
Due March 28. (35%) Late assignments will be penalized two letter grades per day.

Final exam.
To be scheduled by the University during the formal examination period (April 10 – 29, 2006). (40%).

Schedule:

Week 1

January 10

Chapter 1 “The end of empires: The emergence of the modern Middle Eastern states”
(pp. 5-22)

Week 2

January 17

Chapter 2 “The growth of state power in the Arab world: The single-party regimes”
(pp. 23-38)

Week 3

January 24

Chapter 3 “The growth of state power in the Arab world under family rule, and the
Libyan alternative” (pp. 39-55)

Week 4

January 31

Chapter 4 “Arab nationalism, Arab unity and the practice of intra-Arab state relations”
(pp. 56-72)

Assignment no. 1 on Edward W. Said’s critique of Orientalism is due.

Week 5

February 7

Chapter 5 “State and politics in Israel, Iran and Turkey from the Second World War”
(pp. 73-89)

Week 6

February 14

Chapter 6 “The remaking of the Middle Eastern political environment between the two
Gulf Wars” (pp. 90-109)

February 20-24 Winter Break

Week 7

February 28

Chapter 7 “The politics of economic restructuring” (pp. 113-130)

Week 8

March 7

Chapter 8 “Parties, elections and the vexed question of democracy in the Arab world”
(pp. 131-153)

Week 9

March 14

Chapter 9 “The politics of religious revival” (pp. 154-177)
Chapter 10 “The military in and out of politics” (pp. 178-199) (to be continued)

Week 10

March 21

To be arranged.

Week 11

March 28

Chapter 10 “The military in and out of politics” (pp. 178-199)
Chapter 11 “Some important non-state actors” (pp. 200-215)

Review of Ahdaf Soueif’s The Map of Love is due.

Week 12

April 4

Chapter 12 “American attempts to remake the Middle East” (pp. 219-229)
“Conclusion: The Middle East at the beginning of the twenty-first century” (pp. 230-240)



Academic Accommodations

For Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course are encouraged to contact the Paul Menton Centre (PMC) for Students with Disabilities (500 University Centre) to complete the necessary forms. After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet with the instructor in order to discuss your needs **at least two weeks before the first in-class test or CUTV midterm exam**. This will allow for sufficient time to process your request. Please note the following deadlines for submitting completed forms to the PMC for formally scheduled exam accommodations: **November 7th, 2005** for fall and fall/winter term courses, and **March 10, 2006** for winter term courses.

For Religious Observance: Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance (www.carleton.ca/equity).

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a *letter of accommodation*. Then, make an appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

Plagiarism: The Undergraduate Calendar defines plagiarism as: "to use and pass off as one's own idea or product, work of another without expressly giving credit to another." The Graduate Calendar states that plagiarism has occurred when a student either: (a) directly copies another's work without acknowledgment; or (b) closely paraphrases the equivalent of a short paragraph or

more without acknowledgment; or (c) borrows, without acknowledgment, any ideas in a clear and recognizable form in such a way as to present them as the student's own thought, where such ideas, if they were the student's own would contribute to the merit of his or her own work. Instructors who suspect plagiarism are required to submit the paper and supporting documentation to the Departmental Chair who will refer the case to the Dean. It is not permitted to hand in the same assignment to two or more courses. The Department's Style Guide is available at: www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/styleguide.pdf

Oral Examination: At the discretion of the instructor, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on research papers and essays.

Submission and Return of Term Work: Papers must be handed directly to the instructor and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at 4 p.m., stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Please note that assignments sent via fax or email will not be accepted. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Approval of final grades: Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, *subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean.*

Course Requirements: Students must fulfill all course requirements in order to achieve a passing grade. Failure to hand in any assignment will result in a grade of F. Failure to write the final exam will result in a grade of ABS. FND (Failure – No Deferred) is assigned when a student's performance is so poor during the term that they cannot pass the course even with 100% on the final examination. In such cases, instructors may use this notation on the Final Grade Report to indicate that a student has already failed the course due to inadequate term work and should not be permitted access to a deferral of the examination. Deferred final exams are available ONLY if the student is in good standing in the course.

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