

Department of Political Science
PSCI 3311B: HISTORY OF MUSLIM POLITICAL THOUGHT
Tuesday 2:30- 5:30 Canal Building, 3101

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Office Hours: Tuesdays: 1:00-2:15, Wednesday 9:30-10:30 & also by appointment

Description: The instructor focuses on the unfolding of political thought among Muslims from the formation of their first polity in Medina in 622 CE until the encounters of Muslims with the process of modernity that led to a complete rethinking of politics and society in the Muslim world. Within the worldview of Islam, Muslims thought about politics in variety of ways including juridical, practical and administrative, or philosophical approaches. At the same time, their thinking could be categorized as dynamic responses that Muslims gave to the challenges in their respective historical contexts. Both the various approaches and historical developments will be discussed in the course.

Organization: The material will be organized based on the aforementioned variables i.e., the approaches of the jurists, practitioners, and the philosophers as well as how they unfolded in Muslim history. In terms of the delivery of the materials, lectures will be the main medium although the instructor encourages questions and invites comments during the lectures.

Required Text: Anthony Black. *The History of Islamic Political Thought; from the Prophet to the Present*. New York: Routledge, 2001, ISBN 0-415-93243-2.

Note: As the course progresses during the term, there might be some extra materials that will be put on CULearn for you.

Requirements: Students must meet all the course requirements; attendance, mid-term, review(s), and the scheduled final examination. Students who do not meet these criteria will be assigned a grade of "F." Late essays will be penalized one fraction of a grade (i.e., B to B-) for each weekday they are late. All assignments must be handed to the instructor (no email). The mark will be calculated as follows:

The Mid Term Exam (in Class)*	20% (February 13)
The review**	25% (February 27)
Final Exam***	40% (Scheduled)
Participation grade****	15%

* The mid term exam will be based on the texts and the content of the lectures of the first four weeks of the class (Until January 30th). It will consist of two parts: five short answer questions worth a total of 10%, and one long answer question for a total of 10%.

**Your review should be about 4-5 pages (double space and typed). The material to be reviewed is any of the recommended readings listed in the syllabus or a book of

your own choice, provided it is confirmed with the professor. Your review should address at least the following questions: What is the main objective of the writer? How has the author done his/her research and presentation? Did he/she achieve the stated objective (s)?

*** The final exam will be based on the texts and the content of the lectures from October 2nd to the end of the term. It consists of two parts: 10 short answer questions worth a total of 20%, and two long answer questions for a total of 20%.

**** This is calculated based on regular attendance and participation in class.

Calendar

Week 1 (Jan. 9): The Beginning

Introduction and Orientation

Political Thought, the base of Political Order

Part One: The New Civilizational Context

Week 2 (Jan. 16): The New Way of Life

The Old/New Message

Early Ideas of Ruling

Reading: Black (pp. 1-31)

Week 3 (Jan. 23): The Two prevalent Paths

The Sunnis and Tradition

The Shi'as and the Charisma

Reading: Black (pp. 32-48)

Week 4 (Jan. 30): Other Influences

The Persian Influence

The Greek Influence

Reading: Black (pp. 49-78)

Part Two: Caliphate Based Polity

Week 5 (Feb. 6): The Caliphate and the Sultan

The Theory of the Caliphate, Mawardi

Rules for Sultan, Nizam al-Mulk

Reading: Black (pp. 81-97)

Week 6 (Feb. 13): The Need for Revival

Ideal and Practice

Mid-Term Exam (in Class)

Reading: Black (pp. 97-115)

Week 7 (Feb. 19-23): Break

Week 8 (Feb. 27): Philosophy and Mysticism

Philosophy and Knowledge
Sufism and Work as Religion

Reading: Black (pp. 115-134)

Part Three: Shari'a Based Polity

Week 9 (March 6): The New Challenges

The Mongolian Invaders
Integrated Polity, Tusi

Reading: Black (pp. 137-153)

Week 10 (March 13): Law and Power

Shari'a based Polity, Ibn Taymiyya
Civilization, and Power, Ibn Khaldun and Khunji

Reading: Black (pp. 154-189)

Part Four: The Last Muslim Polities

Week 11 (March 20): The Ottomans

The New Sultans
The Social grouping

Reading: Black (pp. 193-220)

Week 12 (March 27): The Safavids

The New Synthesis in Iran
Monarchy and the Clergy

Reading: Black (pp. 221-237)

Week 13 (April 3): The Mughals

The Enlightened Monarch
The Tolerating Civilization

Reading: Black (pp. 239-254)

Week 14 (April 10): Review and Conclusion

Recommended Materials

To be used for doing your reviews.

Said Amir **Arjomand** (1984). *The shadow of God and the Hidden Imam: Religion, Political Order, and Societal Change in Shi'ite Iran from the Beginning to 1890*. Chicago: Chicago University Press.

Gerhard **Bowering** (ed.) (215). *Islamic Political Thought: An Introduction*. Princeton: Princeton University Press

Charles E. **Butterworth** (Tr.) (2001). *Al-farabi, the Political Writings: Selected Aphorisms and other Texts*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press (B753.F32 E5 2001).

Charles E. **Butterworth**. (Ed.) (1992). *The Political Aspects of Islamic Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Muhsin S. Mahdi*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press (B741 .P74 1992).

P. M. **Holt**, Ann K. S. Lambton and Bernard Lewis (Editors) (1970). *The Cambridge History of Islam*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (DS35.6.C3).

Patricia **Crone** (2005). *Medieval Islamic Political Thought*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Patricia **Crone** (2003). *God's Caliph: Religious Authority in the First Centuries of Islam*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (BP166.9.C76).

Carl W. **Ernst** (2003). *Following Muhammad: Rethinking Islam in the Contemporary World*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press (BP161.3.E76 2003).

Majid **Fakhry** (2004). *A History of Islamic Philosophy*. New York: Columbia University Press (B741 .F23 2004).

Abu Nasr **Farabi** (1985). *Al-Farabi on the Perfect State: Abu Nasr al-Farabi's Mabadi' Ara' Ahl al-madina al-fadila*. A revised text with introduction, translation, and commentary / by Richard Walzer. Oxford: Oxford University Press (BP75. F33. M313).

Abu Nasr **Farabi** (1961). *Fusul al-madani; Aphorisms of the Statesman*. Translated by D. M. Dunlop. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (PN6277. A7.F3).

Muhammad **al-Ghazali** (1964). *Counsel for Kings*. Translated F. R. C. Bagely. Oxford: Oxford University Press (JC 393 A3 G453).

H. A. R. **Gibb** (1982). *Studies on the Civilization of Islam*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, (D199.3.G5).

Marshal **Hodgson** (1974). *The Venture of Islam*. 3 Volumes. Chicago: Chicago University Press (DS35.6. H63).

Kai Ka'us **ibn Iskandar** (1951). *Qabus-Nama (A Mirror for Princes)*. Translated from the Persian by Reuben Levy, New York: E.P. Dutton, 1951 (BJ 1678.P3K33 1951).

Abu al-Abbas Taqi al-Din Ahmad **Ibn Taimiyya** (1966). *Ibn Taimiyya on Public and Private Law in Islam or, Public Policy in Islamic Jurisprudence*. Translated from Arabic by Omar A. Farrukh. Beirut: Khayats (KBL I2I2 1968).

Ahmad **Kazemi Moussavi**, (1996) *Religious Authority in Shi'ite Islam*, Kuala Lumpur: International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization.

Majid **Khadduri** (1984). *The Islamic Conception of Justice*. Baltimore. MD: Johns Hopkins University Press (BP 173. 43K44)

Nelly **Lahoud** (2005). *Political Thought in Islam; a Study in Intellectual Boundaries*. New York: Routledge Curzon.

Ann K. S. **Lambton** (1981). *State and Government in Medieval Islam: an Introduction to the Study of Islamic Political Theory: the Jurists*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (JC49.L35 1981).

Ralph **Lerner** and Muhsin Mahdi. Eds. (2001). *Medieval Political Philosophy*. New York: Free Press of Glencoe (J82.L4).

Wilferd **Madelung** (1997). *The Succession to Muhammad: A Study of the Early Caliphate*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (Net Library)

Mushin **Mahdi** (1964). *Ibn Khaldun's Philosophy of History: A Study in the Philosophic Foundation of the Science of Culture* (D116.7.I3.M3).

Muhsin **Mahdi** (2001). *Al-Farabi and the Foundation of Islamic Political Philosophy*. With a Foreword by Charles E. Butterworth. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press (B753.F34M33 2001).

Hamid Manavi (2013). *Religious Authority and Political Thought in Twelver Shi'ism: from Ali to Post-Khomeini*. New York: Routledge (BP166.94.M28 2013).

Syed Abul Ala **Maudoodi** (1960). *Political theory of Islam*. Lahore: Islamic Publications (JC49.M442 1960).

Abu al-Hasan Ali Ibn Muhammad **Al-Mawardi** (1996). *The Ordinances of Government*. Translated by Wafa H. Whba. Reading: Garnet Publishing Limited (KBP2000 .M3913 1996).

Hanna **Mikhail** (1995). *Politics and Revelation: Mawardi and After*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press (JC49.M54).

Roy P. **Mottahedeh** (1980). *Loyalty and Leadership in an Early Islamic Society*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1980 (HN 656 .A8M67).

Abu Ali Hassan **Nizam al-Mulk** (1978). *Book of government or Rules for Kings*. London, Routledge (JC49. N43 1978).

Erwin Jacob **Rosenthal** (1958). *Political Thought in Medieval Islam; an Introductory Outline*. Cambridge [Eng.] University Press (JA82. R6).

Franz **Rosenthal** (1960). *The Muslim Concept of Freedom Prior to 19th Century*. Leiden: Brill (JC585. R65 1960).

A. A. **Sachedina** (1988). *The Just Ruler (al-Sultan al-'Adil) in Shi'ite Islam: the Comprehensive Authority of the Jurist in Imamite Jurisprudence*. New York: Oxford University Press (JA 49. S162).

William Montgomery **Watt**. (1988). *Islamic Political Thought*. New York: Columbia University Press (JA84.I78W3 1968).

William Montgomery **Watt**. (1961). *Muhammad: Prophet and Statesman*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (BP75. W33).

William Montgomery **Watt**. (1963). *Muslim Intellectual: A study of al-Ghazali*. Edinburgh: The Edinburgh University Press (B753.G34W3).

Academic Accommodations

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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.

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- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.

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Submission and Return of Term Work: Papers must be submitted directly to the instructor according to the instructions in the course outline 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. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Grading: Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the faculty Dean. Final standing in courses will be shown by alphabetical grades. The system of grades used, with corresponding grade points is:

Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale	Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale
90-100	A+	12	67-69	C+	6
85-89	A	11	63-66	C	5
80-84	A-	10	60-62	C-	4
77-79	B+	9	57-59	D+	3
73-76	B	8	53-56	D	2
70-72	B-	7	50-52	D-	1

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Official Course Outline: The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.