Course Title : Modern History of West Asia
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Course Duration : One Semester
Evaluation Method : Mid Semester Exam, Term paper & Presentation, and End Semester Exam

Unit I: A Perspective on Approaches to History & Terms
  • Approaches to History
  • Terms and Concepts: Orientalism, Middle East, Near East, West Asia

Unit II: Rise and Downfall of the Ottoman Empire
  • Factors for the Rise of the Ottoman Empire
  • Causes of the Downfall of the Ottoman Empire
  • Scramble for Spheres of Influence Among European Powers
  • Napoleon Invasion of Egypt (1798)

Unit III: European Powers’ Foothold in the Region
  • Growing Influence of the British in the Arabian Peninsula
  • British Mandate
  • French Mandate
  • Independent Struggles
  • Emergence of Nation-States

Unit IV: Emergence of Ideologies
  • Emergence of Nationalism: Arab, Iranian and Turkish
  • Pan-Islamism from
  • Evolution of Zionism

Unit V: Disputes, Conflicts, and Wars
  • Territorial Disputes & Its Consequences
  • Arab-Israel Dispute & Wars
  • Iraq-Iran War
  • Gulf War I
  • Gulf War II

Unit VI: Oil and West Asia
  • Emergence of Oil as a Source of Energy
  • Quest for Nationalisation of Oil Resources
  • Emergence of Oil Cartels
  • 1973 Oil Crisis and OPEC
Suggested Readings

(A) Encyclopedias

- Middle East & North Africa, Europa Publication (CWAS)

(B) Books

- Fromkin, David, A Peace to End all Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East, Owl Books, Paperback 2001
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- **Milton-Edwards, Beverley**, *Contemporary Politics in the Middle East*, 2006, Polity Press, USA (CWAS)
- **Lewis, Bernard**, *Shaping of the Modern Middle East*, New York, Oxford University Press, 1994
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- **Said, Edward**, *The Orientalism*
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- **Lockman, Zachary**, *Contending Visions of the Middle East: the History and Politics of Orientalism*


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Hamas, Gregory, with Todd M. Ferry, *The Palestine-Israel Conflict: A Basic Introduction* (CWAS)


Hirst, David, *the Gun and the Olive Branch: The Roots of Violence in the Middle East*, London: Faber and Faber, 1984 (See for Theodore Herzl’s policy of uprooting Palestinians)


o Venn, Fiona, *the Oil Crisis, New Deal and Oil Diplomacy in the 20th Century*,

o -----------------, *the Anglo-American Oil War: International Politics and the Struggle for Foreign Petroleum, 1912-1945*, IB Tauris, March 2008,