

GVPT 409H, Spring 2019

International Relations of the Middle East

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This seminar will evaluate major issues of the international relations of the Middle East and the American role and responses to these events. The seminar will focus on several post-Cold-War cases in American foreign policy, including the 1991 and 2003 Gulf wars, policy toward Iran, American mediation in the Arab-Israeli conflict, responses to the Arab Awakening, and broader issues such as regional reform and energy.

Requirements: Beyond active participation in the seminar discussions, each student will be expected to prepare 2 short discussion essays to help kick off the seminar discussion of the readings. Please write your name and the week number at the top of your paper. In addition, each student will prepare a final research paper (around 12-15 pages) on a related topic. The last three weeks of the seminar will focus on readings that are specifically relevant to the topics of the research papers. The final research paper will be due on Monday, May 14th no later than 2pm. Please send your paper to sadat@umd.edu. Please note that your paper is not considered received until you get an acknowledgment email from the office.

The short discussion essays will each be worth 15% of your final grade (you will write two over the course of the semester) and the final research paper will be worth 70% of your final grade.

Readings: Readings are available in ELMS under the 'Files' tab, except for full books which are on Course Reserves at the library. Readings are also available for borrowing at the Sadat office (1105 Chincoteague Hall) during regular business hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you encounter difficulty, feel free to contact me by email. You could also contact my administrative assistant, Brittany Kyser, at sadat@umd.edu.

READING LIST

Week 1: Introduction and Film

We will view in class the documentary “The Square” about the recent revolutionary event in Egypt.

General introductory conversation: Broad outline of seminar; What is the “Middle East?”; Issues facing American policy in the Middle East; Shadow of the Arab Uprisings

Brief conversation on current issues facing the United States in the Middle East, including ISIS, the Iranian nuclear issue, and the impact of the presidency of Donald Trump.

Week 2: The American Response to the Arab Uprisings

Read: Concluding chapter of Shibley Telhami, *The World Through Arab Eyes: Arab Public Opinion and the Reshaping of the Middle East*.

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Lynch, Marc, *The Arab Uprising: The Unfinished Revolutions of the New Middle East* (New York: Public Affairs, 2012). (Introduction and Chapter 1)

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Week 3: ISIS and Counter-Terrorism Policy

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Pape, Robert A., *Dying To Win: The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism*. Random House, 2005. (Chapters 1 and 2)

Hashim, Ahmed S., "The Islamic State: From Al-Qaeda Affiliate to Caliphate," *Middle East Policy* Vol. 21, Issue 4, Winter 2014.

Vitale, Heather Marie and James M. Keagle, "A Time to Tweet, as Well as a Time to Kill: ISIS's Projection of Power in Iraq and Syria," Institute for National Strategic Studies, Defense Horizons, National Defense University, October 2014. <https://permanent.access.gpo.gov/gpo61782/DH-77.pdf>

Byman, Daniel, "ISIS Goes Global: Fight the Islamic State by Targeting Its Affiliates," *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2016 Issue. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/middle-east/isis-goes-global>

Week 4: Policy toward Syria

Obama Policy

Doran, Michael and Michael E. O'Hanlon, "Obama Needs to Act Now on Syria," *Brookings Institution Op-Ed*, June 24, 2013. <https://www.brookings.edu/opinions/obama-needs-to-act-now-on-syria/>

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Telhami, Shibley, "Syria and the case for restraint," *Brookings Institution's Markaz*, March 14, 2016. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/markaz/2016/03/14/syria-and-the-case-for-restraint/>

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Trump Policy

Conway, Madeline, "Timeline: U.S. approach to the Syrian civil war," *Politico*, April 7, 2017. <https://www.politico.com/story/2017/04/timeline-united-states-response-syria-civil-war-237011>

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Week 5: Policy Toward the "Muslim World"

Lewis, Bernard, "What Went Wrong?" *The Atlantic Monthly*, January 2002.

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Nasr, Vali, "When the Shiites Rise." *Foreign Affairs*, July-August, 2006.

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President Obama's speech to the Muslim World delivered on June 4, 2009. (Watch at <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/blog/newbeginning/transcripts/>)

Hamid, Shadi, "Obama's good intentions in the Middle East meant nothing," *Markaz*, January 23, 2017. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/markaz/2017/01/23/obamas-good-intentions-in-the-middle-east-meant-nothing/>

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Telhami, Shibley, "How Trump changed Americans' views of Islam- for the better," *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, January 25, 2017. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/01/25/americans-dont-support-trumps-ban-on-muslim-immigration/?utm_term=.9156adfc5dd4

Week 6: Spreading Democracy in the Middle East

Gause, Gregory, "Can Democracy Stop Terrorism?" *Foreign Affairs*, September-October 2005.

Diamond, Larry, *Squandered Victory: The American Occupation and the Bungled Effort to Bring Democracy to Iraq*. Times Books, 2005. (Chapter 1)

Telhami, Shibley, *The World Through Arab Eyes*. (Chapter 9)

Collins, Stephen, "Can America Finance Freedom? Assessing U.S. Democracy Promotion Via Economic Statecraft." *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Vol. 5, No. 4 (2009): pp. 367-389.

Brownlee, Jason, "Can America Nation-Build?" *World Politics*, Vol. 59 (January 2007): pp. 314-340.

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<http://www.forbes.com/sites/panosmourdoukoutas/2016/02/02/who-controls-middle-east-oil-prices/#36f68c3065e5>

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Engel, Jeffrey, *Into the Desert: Reflections on the Gulf War*. Oxford, 2012. (Chapter 1- "The Gulf War at the End of the Cold War and Beyond" by Jeffrey Engel and Chapter 5- "The Arab Dimension of Saddam Hussein's Calculations: What We Have Learned From Iraqi Records" by Shibley Telhami)

Brands, H. W., "George Bush and the Gulf War of 1991," *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 34, No. 1, Going to War (March 2004): pp. 113-131.

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Holland, Lauren, "The U.S. Decision to Launch Operation Desert Storm: A Bureaucratic Politics Analysis," *Armed Forces and Society*, Vol. 25, No. 2 (Winter 1999): pp. 219-242.

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Gause III, F. Gregory, "The Iraq War and American National Security Interests" in *Balance Sheet: The Iraq War and U.S. National Security*, edited by John S. Duffield and Peter J. Dombrowski. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2009.

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"The Palestinians: Overview and Key Issues for U.S. Policy," Congressional Research Service, September 18, 2018. <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/IF10644.pdf>

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Telhami, Shibley, "If at First You Don't Succeed, Postpone," *Los Angeles Times*, July 14, 2000. <https://sadat.umd.edu/publications-media/if-first-you-dont-succeed-postpone>

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Week 13: Evangelical Attitudes Toward Israel

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Week 15: The Role of Public Opinion

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