

Boston University

# THE GREAT POWERS and the EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Course Description

This course will look at the Eastern Mediterranean as a centre of Great Power confrontation, and consider such issues as the impact of the competition on wider international relations, the domestic impact on the region of this involvement, the role of seapower, the origins and conduct on wars in the region, and attempts at conflict resolution.

### Objectives

To provide an understanding of the nature of Great Power rivalry, to gain insight into the underlying factors affecting international relations in the Eastern Mediterranean, and to consider how governments evolve and implement policy.

### Requirements

Mid-term examination	30% (17 Oct. 2017)
Comprehensive final examination.	70% (to be determined by University Registrar)

The use of cellphones is not permissible in class, except for genuine accessibility requirements (documented proof needed). Disruption caused by phones usage or phones ringing will result in a grade penalty to be determined by the instructor.

The use of laptops and tablets is for class related purposes only.

All class members are expected to maintain high standards of academic honesty and integrity. The members of this class will follow the “Academic Code of Conduct” of Boston University, accessible at:

<https://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/>

## Core Readings

Donald Quataert. *The Ottoman Empire, 1700-1922* (2000)

Peter Mansfield. *A History of the Middle East* (2003)

A.L. Macfie *The Eastern Question* (1996)

Avi Shlaim. *War and Peace in the Middle East*

## Supplementary Readings

E. Goldstein. *Wars and Peace Treaties, 1816-present* (1991), chap.4, 'The Decline of the Ottoman Empire', chap 5. 'World Wars and Related Conflicts', chap. 10 'Middle Eastern Wars.'

In addition supplemental reading will be made available to the class as the course progresses.

### LECTURE 1: INTRODUCTION: THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IN FOCUS

Macfie, chaps 1-2.

Mansfield, chap. 1.

Quateart, chap. 1

### LECTURE 2: THE GREAT POWERS ARRIVE: NAPOLEON, NELSON & THE NILE

Macfie, chap. 3

### LECTURE 3: NATIONALISM & GREAT POWER PROXIES: I (Serbia & Greece)

Macfie, chap. 4

Quateart, chap. 6

### LECTURE 4. RUSSIA & THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Macfie, chap. 5

Quateart, chap. 4

### LECTURE 5. THE CRIMEAN WAR (Britain, France, and Russia)

Macfie, chap.6

AJP Taylor, *The Struggle for the Mastery of Europe*, chap.4. 'The Crimean War', and chap 5, 'The Congress of Paris and its Consequences'

### LECTURE 6. THE EASTERN CRISIS, 1878

Macfie, chap. 7

AJP Taylor, *The Struggle for the Mastery of Europe*, chap.11. 'The Great Eastern Crisis, 1875-8'

LECTURE 7. NATIONALISM & GREAT POWER PROXIES: II (The Emergence of the Modern Balkans)

Macfie, chap. 8

Quateart, chap. 5

AJP Taylor, *The Struggle for the Mastery of Europe*, chap.14, 'The Triumph of Diplomacy: The Bulgarian Crisis, 1885-7.

LECTURE 8. THE GREAT POWER FACTOR IN MODERN GREEK POLITICS

Richard Clogg. *A Short History of Modern Greece* chap 4. 'Independence, nation-building and irredentism' DF757.C56

LECTURE 9. BRITAIN & EGYPT, 1882-1914, & THE BAGDAD RAILWAY (Britain, France, Germany, Russia)

Mansfield, chap 5.

AJP Taylor, *The Struggle for the Mastery of Europe*, pp. 383-5.

LECTURE 10. THE BALKAN WARS, 1912-13

AJP Taylor, *The Struggle for the Mastery of Europe*, chap.21, 'The Balkan Wars and After'

LECTURE 11. THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND THE END OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

David Fromkin, *A Peace to End All Peace: Creating the Modern Middle East, 1914-1922* (1989). D563.2.G7 F76 1989

Marian Kent, ed. *The Great Powers and the End of Empire* (1996)

Austria Hungary: Chap 1

Italy: Chap 2

Russia: Chap 3

Germany: Chap 4

France: Chap 5

Britain: Chap 6

Macfie, chap. 9

## Mid-term examination

### Lecture 12. THE ARAB REVOLT

Mansfield, chap.6. 'Turks and Arabs'

David Fromkin, *A Peace to End All Peace: Creating the Modern Middle East, 1914-1922* (1989).

### Lecture 13. ZIONISM AND THE GREAT POWERS AREMNA and THE GREAT POWERS

Geoffrey Wheatcroft. *The Controversy of Zion* D5149.W49 1996

### Lecture 14. THE PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE

Macfie, chap. 10

Erik Goldstein. *Winning the Peace* (1991), chap.7. esp 269-78.

### Lecture 15. ATATURK'S TURKEY

Macfie, Part 3.

Feroz Ahmed. *The Making of Modern Turkey* chaps 4 and 5.

### Lecture 16. THE INTERWAR ERA

Mansfield, chap 9.

M.E. Yapp. *The Near East since the First World War*, chap. 15.

Avi Shlaim. *War and Peace in the Middle East*, chap 1. 'the Post-Ottoman Syndrome'

### Lecture 17. THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Mansfield, chap. 10.

Mark Mazower. *Inside Hitler's Greece: the experience of Occupation, 1941-44*

## Lecture 18. THE GREEK CIVIL WAR: BRITAIN, the SOVIET UNION, the UNITED STATES

Richard Clogg. *A Short History of Modern Greece* chap 6. 'Dictatorship, occupation and civil war, 1936-1949'

Amikan Nachmani, 'Civil War and Foreign Intervention in Greece: 1946-49', *Journal of Contemporary History* 25:4 (Oct. 1990): 489-522.

## Lecture 19. THE END OF THE MANDATES AND THE CREATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ARAB-ISRAELI WAR and THE EGYPTIAN REVOLUTION

Avi Shlaim. *War and Peace in the Middle East*, chap 2. 'Succeeding John Bull'

T.G. Fraser. *The Arab-Israeli Conflict*, Introduction and chap 1 'The Partition of Palestine and the Creation of Israel' John Norton Moore, ed. D5119.7 .A6718 1975

Ritchie Ovendale, *The Origins of the Arab-Israeli War, I* chap. 7 D5119.7 .093 1992

Ritchie Ovendale, *The Middle East since 1914* (1992), Section 1.6

## Lecture 20 BRITAIN, the UNITED STATES & THE FALL of MOSSADEGH, and SUEZ 1956 (Britain, France, Soviet Union, USA)

Ritchie Ovendale, *The Middle East since 1914* (1992), Section 1.5.

Mansfield, chap 11.

Ritchie Ovendale, *The Origins of the Arab-Israeli War* chap. 9.

Richard Whiting, 'The Suez Canal and the British Economy, 1918-1960' in Keith Wilson, ed. *Imperialism and Nationalism in the Middle East: the Anglo-Egyptian Experience, 1882-1982* (1983).

Keith Robbins. *The Eclipse of a Great Power, 1870-1992*, chap 21, 'The British Commonwealth and the Road to Suez.' DA560 .R53 1983

## 21. THE CYPRUS CONFLICT

Robert Holland. *Britain and the Revolt in Cyprus, 1954-1959* (Oxford, 1999)  
DS 54.86 M65 1998

## 22. THE COLD WAR: THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION

Avi Shlaim. *War and Peace in the Middle East*, chap 3, 'American Between Arab and Israeli'

Stephen Ambrose, *The Rise to Globalism*, Chap. 13, 'Kissinger in the Middle East and Africa'  
E744 .A477 1988

John Gleason. *The Genesis of Russophobia in Great Britain* (Cambridge MA, 1950), Chap IV 'the Greek Revolution', pp.57-106.

### 23. THE SIX DAYS WAR & THE YOM KIPPUR WAR

Ritchie Ovendale, *The Origins of the Arab-Israeli War*, chap. 10

Ahron Bregman and Jihan El-Tahir, *The Fifty Years War: Israel and the Arabs* (1998), Part 2.

Ritchie Ovendale, *The Origins of the Arab-Israeli War*, chap. 11.

### 24. THE END OF THE COLD WAR

Avi Shlaim. *War and Peace in the Middle East*, chap 8. 'Pax Americana'

### 25. THE GULF WARS

Avi Shlaim. *War and Peace in the Middle East*, chap 6, 'Desert Storm and Desert Shield'

### 26. CONCLUSION