Boston University
Department of International Relations

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. 2013)
Comprehensive final examination. 70% (to be determined by University Registrar)

All class members are expected to maintain high standards of academic honesty and integrity. The College of Arts and Sciences’ pamphlet “Academic Conduct Code” provides the standards and procedures. Cases of suspected academic misconduct will be referred to the Dean’s Office.

Students are reminded that attendance is required, and reasons for non-attendance should be notified to the instructor.

Cell phones are to be turned off. Repeated disruption caused by phones ringing will result in a grade penalty to be determined by the instructor.
Core Readings

Avi Shlaim. *War and Peace in the Middle East* D562.8 .553 1994

Supplementary Readings


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

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


LECTURE 8. THE GREAT POWER FACTOR IN MODERN GREEK POLITICS


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

Mansfield, chap 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


Austria Hungary: Chap 1
Italy: Chap 2
Russia: Chap 3 D465.6753 1984
Germany: Chap 4
France: Chap 5
Britain: Chap 6

Macfie, chap. 9
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
Geoffrey Wheatcroft. The Controversy of Zion D5149.W49 1996

Lecture 14. THE PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE
Macfie, chap. 10

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’

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Lecture 17. THE SECOND WORLD WAR
Mansfield, chap. 10.
Lecture 18. THE GREEK CIVIL WAR: BRITAIN, the SOVIET UNION, the UNITED STATES


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


Lecture 20. THE 1ST ARAB-ISRAELI WAR and THE EGYPTIAN REVOLUTION

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

Ritchie Ovendale, *The Middle East since 1914* (1992), Section1.5.
Mansfield, chap 11.

25. THE CYPRUS CONFLICT

DS 54.86 M65 1998

26. 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’

John Gleason. The Genesis of Russophobia in Great Britain (Cambridge MA, 1950), Chap IV ‘the Greek Revolution’, pp.57-106. JX 1543.Z7R8 DA47.65 F50

27. THE SIX DAYS WAR

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

28. THE YOM KIPPUR WAR


29. THE END OF THE COLD WAR

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

30. THE GULF WARS

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

31. CONCLUSION