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**HIST 5395L, Global Cold War**

**Fall 2017**

**H 6:30 pm, TMH 110**

A discussion-based capstone seminar, this course emphasizes analytic, research, and writing techniques you need to succeed as a historian. In this class, we will develop individual research papers together. This term, we are concentrating on global histories of the Kennedy administration.

As a graduate student, you have mastered the basic skills and methods of the discipline of History (selecting an appropriate topic; formulating a workable thesis; organizing primary and secondary sources in support of the thesis; properly citing sources to support the thesis).

I assess your ability to construct a research paper by choosing a historical topic, formulating a thesis with regard to the topic, and devising an appropriate organizational structure to analyze it.

I assess your methodology used in constructing a research paper on a chosen topic through citation of primary and secondary sources, employment of quotations in text, and use of explanatory notes.

**Grading:**

2 “empirical” essays, 20% (encyclopedia entries, submitted to editors, cc’d to Bishop)

2 “theoretical essays, 20% (book reviews, submitted to editors, cc’d to Bishop)

Conference presentation, 20%

Paper draft, 20%

Final paper, 20% (submitted to journal editor, cc’d to Bishop)

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The page found at the following link constitutes a supplement to this syllabus. Please take a moment to visit the page and familiarize yourself with the department’s general expectations for this course: <http://www.txstate.edu/history/about/syllabus-supplement.html>

**Readings:**

**Week 1: "The Possibility Atomic Warfare Might Engulf the Middle East"**

William Roger Louis, *British Empire in the Middle East, 1945-1951* (1984).

Bruce R. Kuniholm , review of *The British Empire in the Middle East, 1945-1951: Arab Nationalism, the United States, and Postwar Imperialism* by Wm. Roger Louis. *The American Historical Review* 90, 4 (October 1985).

**Week 2: "New Ways of Approaching Religion and the Islamic Tradition, 1"**

Michael Hogan*, The Ambiguous Legacy: US Foreign Relations in the ‘American Century’* (1999).

Beth Fischer, review of *Ambiguous Legacy: US Foreign Relations in the 'American Century’* by Michael Hogan, *International Journal* 55 (1999).

Primary document: "Feu sur les partisans de la paix," *Partisans de la Paix* (1950).

**Week 3: "New Ways of Approaching Religion and the Islamic Tradition, 2"**

Rula Jurdi Abisaab, *The Shi'ites of Lebanon: Modernism, Communism, and Hizbullah's Islamists* (2014).

RG 326, Records of the Atomic Energy Commission, Office of the Secretary, General Correspondence, 1951-1958; Isotopes Program, Box 29, NN3-326-93-010 HM 1993; Folder: “isotopes program, 3 foreign” (18 July 1951).

Primary document: Nikolai Ilyin, “Peoples of Syria and Lebanon Struggle for Peace, Bread, and Freedom," *The Current Digest of the Post-Soviet Press* 3, 38 (November 1951).

Primary document: "The First Conference in Defense of the Rights of the Peoples of the Middle East took place in Beirut," *Bulletin of the World Council of Peace* 5 (January 1954).

Primary document: US National Archives, RG 326, Records of the Atomic Energy Commission, Office of the Secretary, General Correspondence, 1951-1958; Security and Intelligence I, Box 153, NN3-326-93-010 HM 1993; File: “Security, 4-6, visits to America, vol. 1” (24 June 1954).

Primary documents: "Communist influence in the Lebanon" "Selim Haidar," UK Foreign Office 484/10 (25 October 1956).

**Week 4: "Eased the United States into a Role Unprecedented to It, 1"**

Bashir, Shahzad, "The Renewal of Islamic Law: Muhammad Baqer as-Sadr, Najaf and the Shi'i International," *Domes* 4 (2).

Primary document: "Mohamed Medhi al Jewahiri... et des democrats de Baghdad," *Revue Mondiale: Les Partisans de la Paix* (1950).

Primary document: "Iran: Mesures Criminelles," *Partisans de la Paix: Sommaire* (1950).

Primary document: "Persecution of Peace Partisans in Iran," *Current Digest of the Soviet Press* 2; 44 (16 December 1950).

**Week 5: "Eased the United States into a Role Unprecedented to It, 2"**

Asef Bayat and Bahman Baktiari, "Revolutionary Iran and Egypt: Exporting Inspirations and Anxieties," in *Iran and the Surrounding World*, Nikki Keddie and Rudi Matthee eds. (2002).

Primary document: Albion Ross, "Red Pattern Evident in Iraqi Riots Recalls Tactics in Iran and Egypt," *New York Times* (28 November 1952).

Primary document: “Communism Seeks Opening in Mideast,” *New York Times* (1 February 1953).

**Week 6: "Shi'ism and the Emergence of Modern Iraq"**

Hanna Batatu, "Iraq's Underground Shi'a Movements: Characteristics, Causes, and Prospects," *Middle East Journal* (1981).

George Grassmuck, "The Electoral Process in Iraq, 1952-1958," *Middle East Journal* 14; 4 (Autumn 1960).

Primary document: "Ayatollah Kashani," The *Observer* (14 September 1952).

Primary document: US Embassy, Iraq Dispatch from Burton Berry to the Department of State. "Partisans of Peace Object to Atomic Display" [includes article] (18 October 1952).

**Week 7: "Realization that Moscow Would Soon Be Able to Launch Nuclear Strikes"**

Mark Gasiorowski and Malcolm Byrne, *Mohammed Mosaddeq and the 1953 Coup in Iran* (2004).

Michael Zirinsky, review of *Mohammed Mosaddeq and the 1953 Coup in Iran* by Mark Gasiorowski and Malcolm Byrne, *Iranian Studies* 39; 1 (March 2006).

Primary document: “Jamail [sic] Warns of Communist Danger in Iraq,” Baghdad: Iraqi Home Service, FBIS-FRB-53-254 (30 December 1953).

Primary document: “Police Launch Anti-Communist Campaign,” Cairo, ANA, FBIS-FRB-54-089 (7 March 1954).

**Week 8: "The Peace, Welfare, and Basic Rights of Iranian Citizens"**

Stephen Kinzer, *All the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror* (2003).

Warren Bass, "Regime Change, Circa 1953," review of *All the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror* by Stephen Kinzer, *New York Times* (10 August 2003).

Primary document: "Call for the conference was made at Teheran, on 14 August," *Bulletin of the World Council of Peace* 5 (January 1954).

Primary document: Kennett Love, "Shah Flees Iran After Move to Dismiss Mossadegh Fails," *New York Times* (17 August 1953).

**Week 9: Experiments in Islamic Democracy**

Sajjad Rizvi, "Political Mobilization and the Shi'i Establishment (*marja'iyya*)," *International Affairs* 86:6 (2010).

Primary document: "Mossadegh Warns Iraq on Playing Host to Shah," *Washington Post* (18 August 1953).

“Convicted Communists to Lose Citizenship,” Baghdad, Iraqi Home Service, FBIS-FRB-54-171 (1 September 1954).

Primary document: "87. Mohammad Mahdi Kubba," UK Foreign Office 481/9 (1955).

**Week 10: “Outspoken and Vigorous Condemnation of Communism”**

Primary document: "Replies by the Houses of the Iraq Parliament to the King's Speech," UK Foreign Office 481/8 (January 1954).

Primary Document: "Mahdi al Jawahiri," *Bulletin of the World Council of Peace,* 5 (January 1954).

Primary Document: "Iraq: the newspaper, Saut al Ahali, announces that 18,649 citizens from all sections of the population, have signed a manifesto," *Bulletin of the World Council of Peace*, 6 (February 1954).

Primary document: "Kamil al Chadirchi," Foreign Office 481/11 (26 September 1957).

**Week 11: A New Form of Ritual Impurity, 1**

Simon Fuchs, Christophe Jaffrelot, Mirjam Kuenkler, "Failing Transnationally: Local intersections of science, medicine, and sectarianism in modernist Shi’i writings," *Modern Asian Studies* 48; 2 (March 2014).

Primary document: "Atomic Test Victims," *Manchaster Guardian* (17 March 1954).

Primary document: "Iraqi Press Roundup," *Iraq Times* (17 March 1954).

Primary document: "Inquiry is begun in Hydrogen Test," *New York Times* (20 March 1954).

Primary document; "Iraq; Petitions supporting this programme have been signed by more than 6,000 people." *Bulletin of the World Council of Peace*, 10 (May 1954).

**Week** **12: A New Form of Ritual Impurity, 2**

Zev Maghen, *Al-taharah shatir al-iman: An inquiry into the historical evolution of the Islamic system of ritual purity* (1997).

Primary document: "Report on the Circumstances Leading to the Formation of the Government of Arshad al Umari," UK Foreign Office 481/8 (5 May 1954).

Primary document: "Review of the Course of the General Election Conducted by Sayid Arshad al Umari," UK Foreign Office 481/8 (16 June 1954).

Primary Document: "Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Ali (Iraq)," *Bulletin of the World Council of Peace* 12 (June 1954).

Primary document: "Vienna: Appeal against the Preparations for Nuclear War" (January 1955).

**Week 13: The Individual Believer**

Silvia Naef, "Shi-i-Shuyu'i or How to Become a Communist in a Holy City," *Twelver Shia in Modern Times* (2001).

Primary document: RGANI, fond 5, op. 28, d. 96 (23 April 1955).

Primary document: "Communist, Peace Partisans Arrested by Police," *Iraq Times* (7 May 1955).

Primary document: *Proceedings of the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, Geneva* (August 1955).

**Week 14: “The Place of Shi‘is in the New Iraqi State”**

Feder, Rachel Kantz, "Fatima's Revolutionary Image in Fadak fi al-Ta'rikh (1955): The Inception of Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr's Activism," *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* (March 2014).

Primary document: “Memorandum from the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian, and African Affairs” in *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1955-1957,* vol. XII, no. 134 (26 July 1956).

Primary document: William L. Ryan, "Parliament Suspended in Iraq," *Washington Post* (2 December 1956).

Primary document: “Premier Nuri Al-Said Addresses People,” Baghdad, Iraqi Home Service, FBIS-FRB-56-244 (16 December 1956).

**Week 15: “Transgression of Intradiegetic Time”**

Hanoosh, Yasmeen, "Unnatural Narratives and Transgressing the Normative Discourses of Iraqi History: Translating Murtaḍā Gzār's Al-Sayyid Aṣghar Akbar," *Journal of Arabic Literature* 44, 2 (2013).

Primary document: US National Archives, RG 59,eneral Records of the Department of State, Miscellaneous lot files, lot file no. 61, D 12 (box 3 of 3) general subject files relating the Middle East, 1955-1958; box 13; Folder: "Iraq, communism, 1958"

**Week 16** (Finals Week):