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TTh 2:00-3:45



History 102C: The Mediterranean in the Modern Era, 1492-1942

This course explores the cultural transformation of the Mediterranean region in a comparative world historical perspective from the rise of the Hapsburg and Ottoman empires to modern times. In an effort to develop a perspective on the forces that transformed the region, we examine the impact of large scale changes on peasants, workers, women and minorities. Topics include the Mediterranean environment, political and economic transformations, gender, cultural change, social movements, colonialism and imperialism.

In Part 1, "The Mediterranean Divided," students will learn about the basic human geography of the region, the main features of the Ottoman and Spanish Habsburg empires in the Mediterranean, the contrast between the imperial centers and provincial realities and the nature and consequences of the economic underdevelopment of the Mediterranean region after 1492.

In Part 2, "The Mediterranean Before Colonialism" the focus shifts to the looming shadow of the northwestern Europe in the long nineteenth century (1750-1914). We'll look at the impact of liberal reform upon elites, popular classes, women and minorities, as well as the economic consequences of the peripheralization of the region (including migration and uneven economic development).

In Part 3, "Making the Mediterranean Modern," we examine the ways in which colonialism and social change affected different parts of the region as some became colonizers and others colonized, and the subsequent rise of nationalism and fascism in the inter-war period.

Class organization

The class will be conducted by a combination of lecture and discussion. There will be two lectures a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

NOTE: Students are expected to do the readings in advance of each week's segment, and to arrive to class on time. All cell phones and electronic devices are to be shut off. No recording devices of any kind are permitted.

Written requirements: Students will be required to complete the following written assignments:

- (1) Two short papers (5 pages) on topics to be assigned
- (2) Either a final in-class exam **OR** a 15 page term paper;
- (3) Two map quizzes

Grades: Papers: 20% each; Final: 40%; Map quizzes: 5%, Weekly quizzes: 10%; Student participation: 5%.

Required Books

The following required books have been order at the Baytree Bookstore.

Amin Maalouf, Leo Africanus

Mark Mazower, Salonica

Timothy Mitchell, Colonizing Egypt

There is also a **Required 2 volume Reader**, which is available at the Baytree Bookstore.

Syllabus of Readings

Part 1: The Mediterranean Divided

- Apr. 3 The Mediterranean: Geography and History
Lectures: Geographical Structures of Mediterranean History
 The Many Meanings of 1492
- Read: Start reading Amin Maalouf, *Leo Africanus*
 Burke, "Comparative History of Modern Med"
 Kesaba, "By Compass and Sword!"
 Shohat, "Rethinking Jews and Muslims"
- Apr. 10 Imperial legacies: (I) Spain
Lectures: The Spain of Isabella and Ferdinand
 The Sixteenth Century World War
- Read: Finish reading Maalouf, *Leo Africanus*
 Lynch, "The Hapsburg Inheritance"
 Burke, "The Sixteenth Century World War"
 Tilly, "The Europe of Columbus and Bayazid"
- Apr. 17 Imperial legacies: (II) The Ottomans
Lectures: Ottoman Naval Power and the Decline of Venice

Read: Early Modern Mediterranean Empires Compared
Hess, "The Ottoman Conquest of Egypt (1517)"
Ringrose, "Struggle For the Mediterranean"
Lewis, "Portrait of a City"
Hattox, "Taverns Without Wine"

Part 2: The Mediterranean Before Colonialism

Apr. 24
Lectures: The Mediterranean and the World Economy
Peripheralization: The Mediterranean Underdeveloped
Changing Dynamics of Trade and Consumption
Read: Mazower, *Salonica*, chs. 3-5
Marino, "Early Mod. Italian Economy"
Burke, "Making the Mediterranean Modern"

May 1
Lectures: Ottoman Society in Transformation
Honor and Shame in the Mediterranean
Ottoman Transformations
Read: Schneider, "Of Vigilance and Virgins"
Zarinebaf-Shahr, "Women in the Istanbul Urban Economy"
Quataert, "Ottoman Society and Popular Culture"

May 8
Lectures: Liberal Reform in the Mediterranean
Liberal Reform in Italy and Egypt
Orientalism & the Mediterranean
Read: Mazower, *Salonica*, chs. 6-8
Rao, "Italy: Enlightenment and Reform"
Marsot, "Egypt: Beginning of the State System"
Schroeter, "The Jews of the Mediterranean"

Part 3: Making the Mediterranean Modern

May 15
Lectures: The Mediterranean Economy Transformed
Mediterranean Economies in Transition
Olive Oil and Silk
Read: Clancy-Smith, "Detours: Migrations in a Mobile World"
Doumani, "The Political Economy of Olive Oil"
Khater, "Gender, Class and Silk in Mount Lebanon"
Davis, "Italy: Economy, Society and the State"

May 22
Lectures: The *Tanzimat* as Cultural Struggle
Struggles over Ottoman Reform
Egyptian Modern: The Culture of Reform
Read: Mazower, *Salonica*, chs. 11, 13, 17
Clancy-Smith, "Khayr al-Din al-Tunisi"
Quataert, "Inter-communal Conflict"
Chalcroft, "Striking Cabbies of Cairo," Ch. 2

- May 29 Explosive Countrysides and Migration
Lectures: Agrarian Protest in the Mediterranean
 Migration in the Mediterranean
Read: Burke, "Changing Patterns of Peasant Protest"
 Gabbaccia, "Italian Migrants" and "Family Life"
 Chalcraft, "Striking Cabbies of Cairo," Ch. 4
- June 5 Political Struggles: Anarchism, Fascism & Revolution
Lectures: Fascism and Anarchism in Spain
 Anarchism and the Eastern Mediterranean to 1914
Read: Chalcraft, "Striking Cabbies of Cairo," Ch. 5
 Makdisi, "Labor Unrest in Alexandria"
 Carr, "Liberalism and Reaction"
 Kaplan, "Anarchists of Andalusia"