Reading List

1) John Tolan, Saracens
2) Nabil Matar, In the Lands of the Christians
3) Al-Jabarti, 'Aja‘ib al-Athar (English translation—selections will be provided)
4) Rifa‘a al-Tahtawi, Takhlis al-Ibriz (English as “An Imam in Paris”—selections will be provided)
5) Other assigned as well as in-class reading will also be provided

Grading

- 40% oral work—both the quantity and quality of the participation will be taken into account, especially the oral presentation.
- 60% two tests at the end of the 7th, and 10th week—punctuality of submission, organization, accuracy, and originality are taken into account.

I: Perceptions, Misconceptions

Thursday 9/22  Introduction—In-class: Montesquieu, Part. 5, Ch. 3
Tuesday 9/27  Tolan Ch 1—In-class: Tahtawi vol. 2, ch. on Catholicism
Thursday 9/29  Tolan Ch 2-3
Tuesday 10/4  Tolan Ch 4-5
Thursday 10/6  Tolan Ch 6-7
Tuesday 10/11  Tolan Ch 8-9; also discussion on cultural exchanges with Professor Reynolds
Thursday 10/13  Tolan Ch 10-11
II: Debates and Travels

Tuesday 10/18    Matar I
Thursday 10/20   Matar II
Tuesday 10/25    Matar III
Thursday 10/27   Matar IV
Tuesday 11/1     Matar V
Thursday 11/3    Matar VI
Tuesday 11/8     Jabarti: The Assassination of Kleber I: June 1800
Thursday 11/10   Jabarti: The Assassination of Kleber II
Tuesday 11/15    Tahtawi (women; pedophilia; knowledge and language)—
(في الكلام على أهل باريس II 151–158)
Thursday 11/17   Tahtawi (rights)—
(في تدير الدولة II 175)
Thursday 11/22   Tahtawi (correspondences)—
(298 III)
Tuesday 11/29    Tahtawi (miscellany)—
(384 III)
Thursday 12/1    Review