

Islam and the West 700-1850  
RG ST 2  
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### 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 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 تدبير الدولة II 175)
Thursday 11/22	Tahtawi (correspondences)— (298 III)
Tuesday 11/29	Tahtawi (miscellany)— (384 III)
Thursday 12/1	Review