

Islam and Modernity  
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Lecture: Mondays/Wednesdays 8:00-9:15 am; IV Theatre

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This course discusses Muslim societies' encounters with modern transformations of the individual and society. Topics discussed include government, women and the family, sexuality, cultural values, among others.

Readings:

- 1) Ahmad Atif Ahmad, *Islam, Modernity, Violence, and Everyday Life* (Palgrave, NY, 2009)
- 2) Walter Dostal & W Kraus (eds.), *Shattering Tradition* (IB Tauris, London, 2005)
- 3) Sukru Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (Princeton University Press, 2008).
- 4) Chibli Mallat (ed.), *Islam and Public Law* (Graham & Tortman, London, 1993)
- 5) M.K. Masud and others (eds.) *Islamic Legal Interpretations* (Harvard University Press, 1996)
- 6) Edward Said, *Culture and Imperialism* (Knopf, NY, 1993)

Only Items 3 and 6 are available in the bookstore. The selections from other books will be made available on the department's website [www.religion.ucsb.edu](http://www.religion.ucsb.edu)

Without attending the lecture, you are sure to be lost. Missing the lecture is a very, very bad idea.

Grading (see section leaders for deadlines and other details)

- 20% 1 short test—(in sections)
- 20% group and section discussions –both the quantity and quality of the participation will be taken into account (missing section is a very, very bad idea)
- 20% section presentation (arrange with section leader)
- 40% 1 writing assignment (800 words)

3/28	Introduction
3/30	Ottomans I: <u>Hanioglu 1-18</u>
4/4	Ottomans II: <u>Hanioglu 18-31</u>
4/6	Enter Modernity: <u>Hanioglu 32-54</u>

- 4/11 Reform: Hanioglu 55-71
- 4/13 Tanzimat I: Hanioglu 72-88
- 4/18 Tanzimat II: Hanioglu 89-102
- 4/20 Tanzimat III: Hanioglu 109-129
- 4/25 Abdul-Hamid II: Hanioglu 129-149
- 4/27 Revolution to Collapse Hanioglu 149-177
- 5/2 Great War and After: Hanioglu 177-211
- 5/4 Jurists and Modernity: Ahmad 43-81; Masud 214-220
- 5/9 Custom and Law: Ahmad 83-115
- 5/11 Collaboration, Independence, and Liberation: Said 262- 282
- 5/16 Empire in Literature II: Said 282-303
- 5/18 Empire in Literature III: Said 303-325
- 5/23 Desert Storm: Masud 297-309
- 5/25 Banking: Masud 286-296
- 5/30 Constitutional Courts: Mallat 229-260
- 6/1 Good Bye, State: Dostal 278-309