

RELIGION AND MODERN EGYPT

RGST 190ME

Fall 2013

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Tuesday/Thursday 800-915

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General

This course surveys modern Egyptian history since 1798.

Textbook

M. W. Daly (ed.), The Cambridge History of Egypt, volume II only, Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Examples of Online Resources for Presentations

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/>

<http://www.dailynewsegypt.com/>

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/>

Class Plan

Each week, we cover some sections from the textbook (or another source). (Readings from other sources will be provided in class the week before.) The emphasis is on the quality of reading, not the quantity. Every student is expected to come to class, having done the reading, with:

- Three questions the reading raised and answered satisfactorily
- Three questions the reading either raised and did not answer, did not answer satisfactorily or should have raised

Week 5 is dedicated to presentations for students' projects.

Grading

50% oral participation, including presentations, and 50% final essay.

Detailed Plan

Week 1 (half-week)	Introduction In class Readings in Egypt's successive constitutions 1923, 1958 (with Syria as the UAR), 1964, 1971, 2012; French Occupation 1798-1801
Week 2	Tuesday: D. Dykstra: The French Occupation Thursday: Khaled Fahmy, The Era of Muhammad Ali Pasha (till page 165) + Suggested topics from the news: army and politics, basic structure of economy
Week 3	Tuesday: Khaled Fahmy, The Era of Muhammad Ali Pasha (165-197) Thursday: F. Robert Hunter, Egypt under the Successors of Muhammad Ali

+ Second Half: Suggested topics from news: legal system, international relations overall

- Week 4 Tuesday: Hassan Ahmed Ibrahim, The Egyptian Empire 1805-1885
+ Suggested topics from news: Africa, especially Sudan, Ethiopia, Nile issues
Thursday: Donald M Reid, The Urabi Revolution and the British Conquest
+ Suggested topics from news: Reassessing the revolution of 2011, Egyptians and foreigners
- Week 5** Tuesday: Family Names A--
Thursday: Family Names --Z
- Week 6 Tuesday: M W Daly, The British Occupation 1882-1922
+ Suggested topics from news: European influences, international markets & organizations
Thursday: Selections from Jacques Berques' Egypt Imperialism and Revolution
- Week 7 Tuesday: Selma Botman, The Liberal Age 1923-1952
+ Suggested topics from news: Salafis, Ikhwan (Muslim Brothers), liberals, public sphere, education
Thursday: Selections from Jacques Berques' Egypt Imperialism and Revolution
- Week 8 Tuesday: Joel Beinin, Egypt: Society and Economy 1923-1952
+ Suggested topics from news: social and economic classes, labor, organizing and movements
Thursday: Reid's Cairo University, selections
- Week 9 Tuesday: Republican Egypt Interpreted: Revolution and Beyond
+ Suggested topics from news: politics of Arab countries, Arab nationalism, the Muslim world
Thursday: Reid's Cairo University, selections
- Week 10 (half-week) Tuesday: Modern Egyptian Culture in the Arab World
+ Suggested topics from news: culture in the Arab and Muslim world, media, cinema, art
- Week 11 Tuesday: Enid Hill, Sanhuri I
Thursday: Enid Hill, Sanhuri II