

**READINGS IN NON-WESTERN HISTORY: AUTHORITY IN ISLAM
WOH 5935**

THURSDAYS 4:00-6:50 P.M. AH 105

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND GOALS:

One of the key questions that have bedeviled scholars of Islamic society has been the question of who shall rule the Islamic *umma*. Students in this seminar will study the variety of ways in which both medieval and modern scholars have addressed the problem. By the end of the course, students will come away with a clearer understanding of medieval Islamic history, the nature of power and authority, and the avenues of approach that scholars have taken over the centuries. In so doing, they may realize that the Muslim peoples were facing many of the same quandaries that others faced in different parts of the world. Additionally, they will come to realize that the issue of authority in Islam is a relevant topic to today's world.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

Weekly class preparation and participation:	30%
Individual book presentations: (20 minute presentation/4-7 page precis)	20%
In-class presentation: (30 minute presentation)	10%
Historiographic Essay(10-15 pages)	40%

COURSE MATERIALS:

REQUIRED:

ARJOMAND, SAID. *AUTHORITY AND POLITICAL CULTURE IN SHI'ISM*. (NEW YORK: SUNY) 0887066380

COOK, MICHAEL. *FORBIDDING WRONG IN ISLAM: AN INTRODUCTION* (CAMBRIDGE: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS) 0521536022

CRONE, PATRICIA. *GOD'S RULE: GOVERNMENT AND ISLAM*. (NEW YORK: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PRESS) 0231132905

CRONE, PATRICIA AND MARTIN HINDS. *GOD'S CALIPH: RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY IN THE FIRST CENTURIES OF ISLAM*. (CAMBRIDGE: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS) 0521541115

IBN KHALDUN, *THE MUQADDIMAH*. BOLLINGEN (ABRIDGED, 2004) 0691120544

MOTTAHEDEH, ROY. *LOYALTY AND LEADERSHIP IN AN EARLY ISLAMIC SOCIETY*. (LONDON: I.B. TAURIS) 1860641814

ROBINSON, CHASE. *ISLAMIC HISTORIOGRAPHY*. (CAMBRIDGE: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS) 0521629365

RECOMMENDED:

KENNEDY, HUGH. *THE PROPHET AND THE AGE OF THE CALIPHATES*. (LONGMAN) 0582493137

IN ADDITION, ARTICLES WILL BE ASSIGNED THROUGHOUT THE TERM. THESE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS TO COPY.
ADDITIONAL MATERIALS—FROM THE *ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF ISLAM*, ARE AVAILABLE IN LIBRARY REFERENCE

ALL TEXTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE FAU BOOKSTORE.
CHEAPER COPIES MAY BE AVAILABLE VIA THE FOLLOWING ONLINE BOOKSELLERS
www.amazon.com ; www.borders.com ; www.barnesandnoble.com ; www.varsitybooks.com

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- JANUARY 12: INTRODUCTORY MEETING: COURSE GOALS, EXPECTATIONS, PROCEDURES**
- JANUARY 19: DEFINING TERMS AND PARAMETERS**
1. ROBINSON, CHASE. *ISLAMIC HISTORIOGRAPHY*
 2. HODGSON, M.G.S. "THE ROLE OF ISLAM IN WORLD HISTORY"
 3. *ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF ISLAM*. "KHALIFA" & "IMAMA"
- JANUARY 26: EARLY ATTEMPTS AT CONCEPTUALIZING RULE**
1. CRONE, PATRICIA AND MARTIN HINDS. *GOD'S CALIPH: RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY IN THE FIRST CENTURIES OF ISLAM*.
 2. BEESTON, A.F.L. "KINGSHIP IN ANCIENT SOUTH ARABIA"
 3. NAGEL, H.M.T. "SOME CONSIDERATIONS CONCERNING THE PRE-ISLAMIC AND THE ISLAMIC FOUNDATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIPHATE"
- FEBRUARY 2: IS IT A GROUP EFFORT?**
1. COOK, MICHAEL. *FORBIDDING WRONG IN ISLAM AN INTRODUCTION*.
 2. LAPIDUS, IRA. "THE CALIPHATE" CHAPTER 4 OF *A HISTORY OF ISLAMIC SOCIETIES*
- FEBRUARY 9: IT'S A MATERIAL WORLD, AND I'M A MATERIAL . . .**
1. BATES, MICHAEL "ISLAMIC NUMISMATICS," *MIDDLE EAST STUDIES ASSOCIATION BULLETIN* 12, no. 2 (MAY, 1978), 1-16; 12, no. 3 (DECEMBER, 1978), 2-18; 13, no. 1 (JULY, 1979), 3-21; 13, no. 2 (DECEMBER, 1979), 1-9.
- FEBRUARY 16: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER...SORT OF.**
1. CRONE, PATRICIA. *GOD'S RULE: SIX CENTURIES OF MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC POLITICAL THOUGHT*
 2. DABASHI, HAMID. SELECTIONS FROM *AUTHORITY IN ISLAM*. XI-XIII; 1-32.
- FEBRUARY 23: ALTERNATIVE VIEWS: SHI'ISM**
1. ARJOMAND, SAID. *AUTHORITY AND POLITICAL CULTURE IN SHI'ISM*
 2. ABDULAZIZ SACHEDINA. "A TREATISE ON THE OCCULTATION OF THE TWELFTH IMAMITE IMAM," *STUDIA ISLAMICA*, No. 48. (1978): 109-24
- MARCH 2: DEALING WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI**
1. MOTTAHEDEH, ROY. *LOYALTY AND LEADERSHIP IN AND EARLY ISLAMIC SOCIETY*
 2. WILFERD MADELUNG THE ASSUMPTION OF THE TITLE SHAHANSHAH BY THE BUYIDS AND "THE REIGN OF THE DAYLAM (DAWLAT AL-DAYLAM)" *JOURNAL OF NEAR EASTERN STUDIES* 28: 2 (APR., 1969): 84-108 AND 28:3 (JUL., 1969): 168-83
- MARCH 9: SPRING BREAK—NO CLASSES**
- MARCH 16: A PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY....AND SOCIOLOGY....AND POLITICAL SCIENCE....AND.....**
1. IBN KHALDUN, *THE MUQADDIMAH*.
 2. H.A.R. GIBB, "AL-MAWARDI'S THEORY OF THE CALIPHATE," IN *STUDIES ON THE CIVILIZATION OF ISLAM*
 3. DONALD LITTLE, "A NEW LOOK AT *AL-AHKAM AL-SULTANIYYA*," *MUSLIM WORLD* 64:1 (1974): 1-15.
- MARCH 23: APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF POWER**
1. A.H. SIDDIQI, "CALIPHATE AND KINGSHIP IN MEDIAEVAL PERSIA" *ISLAMIC CULTURE*
 2. WAEL HALLAQ, "CALIPHS, JURISTS AND THE SALJUQS IN THE POLITICAL THOUGHT OF JUWAYNI" *THE MUSLIM WORLD*
 3. A.K.S. LAMBTON, "JUSTICE IN THE MEDIEVAL PERSIAN THEORY OF KINGSHIP" *STUDIA ISLAMICA* 15 (1962) 91-119.
- MARCH 30: IN-CLASS PRESENTATIONS**
- APRIL 6: IN-CLASS PRESENTATIONS**
- APRIL 13: IN-CLASS PRESENTATIONS**
- APRIL 20: IN-CLASS PRESENTATIONS**
- APRIL 27: WRAP-UP SESSION**
- MAY 4: BIBLIOGRAPHIC PRESENTATIONS DUE 4:00 PM**