Israel is a state within whose borders exists a complex mosaic of ethnic groups and religions. One interesting element about Israeli society, however, is that for years very few Israelis thought of their society as a mosaic. They conceived of it, much like Americans did about their own society several decades ago, as a melting pot that created a fairly homogeneous social core. This course examines how the parts of the mosaic have interacted over time to create today’s Israeli society, and how Israelis have thought about and handled the realization that social diversity, not homogeneity, dominates. The course looks, too, at the politics of Israel, especially the interaction of the state with the mosaic society. (Lecture/discussion)

Water is first and foremost an essential biological need. As the amount of available fresh water in the world decreases in quality and quantity, development and protection of this critical resource becomes a matter of international security. In the Middle East, fresh water is likely to become more important than oil.

This course will take an interdisciplinary approach, with a study of three major river basins in the Middle East, and the historic, geographic, political, environmental and legal factors that lead to conflict or cooperation.

The subjects of this course are the politics of development, democratization and unification in Yemen from the 1960s to the present. The focus will be very much on the Republic of Yemen (ROY), but Yemen will be used to shed light on the politics of late-developing nation-states in general. A major goal of the course is to familiarize students with readily accessible sources (largely news” sources) that permit students and others to quickly and easily reconstruct the recent past – indeed, to virtually monitor, track or profile the present.

This course will examine transnational movements and strategies of people with a Middle Eastern background and their social, political and economic relationships to “Fortress Europe” and European identities and spaces. The course will explore what is at stake for Middle Eastern transnationals while the European Union is attempting to form a cohesive European identity, political culture and economic realm. In particular, case studies will focus on transnational communities in Germany, France, the UK, and Holland. Particular attention will be given to the debates around racism, multiculturalism, and migrants’ integration and assimilation into European political and social spheres. The course is designed as a seminar with an equal emphasis on theoretical tools and case studies. Students will draw on theoretical literature dealing with race, gender, sexuality, culture, and identity in the context of transnational networks and spaces, migration, and citizenship.
SLN: 7625 SISME 560 A SEMINAR IN TURKISH STUDIES (2 Cr) KASABA
Add code: THO 111

M: 4:30-6:20 BLM 305

Middle Eastern historiography, Islamic law, Islamic theology, relations between the Middle East and the world economy, political structures, social movements in the Middle East. Credit/no credit only.

A seminar designed for Masters and Ph.D. students working on topics related to Ottoman Empire, Modern Turkey or comparative projects that include these areas. Admission with permission of the instructor.

SLN: 7623 SISME 499 A UNDERGRAD RESEARCH (Var Cr) TO BE ARRANGED
SLN: 7624 SISME 499 B INSTRUCTOR I.D. THO 111
SLN: 7627 SISME 600 INDEPENDENT STUDY (Var Cr) TO BE ARRANGED
INSTRUCTOR I.D. THO 111
SLN: 7628 SISME 700 MASTERS THESIS (Var Cr) TO BE ARRANGED
INSTRUCTOR I.D. THO 111

ANTHROPOLOGY

SLN: 1252 ANTH 322 A COMPARATIVE STUDY DEATH (5 Cr) GREEN
Offered jointly w/RELIG 320 A (SLN: 7454)

TTh: 2:30-4:50 MLR 301

Death analyzed from a cross-cultural perspective. Topics include funerary practices, concepts of the soul and afterlife, cultural variations in grief, cemeteries as folk art, and medical and ethical issues in comparative context. American death practices compared to those of other cultures.

SLN: 1272 ANTH 498 A WOMEN'S RIGHTS & POL IN ISLAMIC SOC (5 Cr) OSANLOO
Non Anth Majors
E-MAIL INSTRUCTOR FOR ADD CODE (aosanloo@u.washington.edu)
Offered jointly w/LSJ 421 (SLN: 5130)

MW: 12:30-2:20 SAV 241


ARCHITECTURE

SLN: 1300 ARCH 251 A WORLD ARCHITECTURE: NON-WESTERN CULTURES (3 Cr) PRAKASH

TTh: 10:00-11:20 GUG 224

Introduction to historical and contemporary built environments of non-Judeo-Christian civilizations, primarily Hindu, Buddhist, Islamic, and Meso-American, as manifestations of cultural history and as responses to environmental determinants.
HISTORY

SLN: 4361  HIST 463 U  MIDDLE EAST SINCE 1789 (5 Cr)  IGMEN
Offered jointly with HIST 463 TS (SLN 4360)
CONTACT HISTADV@U.WASHINGTON.EDU FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

TTh: 7:00-9:20  MEB 103
Critical issues and themes in the changing Middle East, including Westernization, growth of nationalism, Arab-Israeli dispute, Iranian revolution, and the role of Islam.

JEWSH STUDIES

SLN: 7608  SISJE 453 A  BIBLICAL PROPHETS(3 Cr)  NOEGEL
Offered jointly w/NEAR E 453 A (SLN: 6160)

TTh: 10:30-11:50
Explores the biblical prophets (in translation) within their Near Eastern contexts. Studies them for their historicity, literary and rhetorical sophistication, and ideological agendas. This course seeks to uncover the meaning and distinctiveness of Israelite prophecy within the context of the larger Near East. No knowledge of the Bible is required.

SLN: 7609  SISJE 490 A  (SPEC TOP) INTRODUCTION TO THE TALMUD (3 Cr)  GAMORAN

TTh: 11:30-12:50  MUE 154
Students can expect to learn what the Talmudic literature is like and what the Sages of the Talmudic period thought about a number of life and death issues. No other work reflects the thought and practice of the Jewish people in late antiquity as does the Talmud. The Talmud is a book of law, but it is more. It is a book of logic and reason, of religion and ethics, of business and family relations. It deals with picayune matters and with profound issues. This course will explore the Talmud's laws concerning matters of life and death: birth, abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia and suicide. We will also investigate how the Talmud was created and edited and what are its main literary characteristics. The text used in this three credit course will be an English translation of the Talmud. Two additional credits (HEBR 490) will be offered to those students who come an extra hour during the week to study the text in its original languages, Hebrew and Aramaic.

COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

SLN: 7454  RELIG 320 A  COMPARATIVE STUDY DEATH (5 Cr)  GREEN
Offered jointly w/ANTH 322 A (SLN: 1252)

TTh: 2:30-4:20  MLR 301
Death analyzed from a cross-cultural perspective. Topics include funerary practices, concepts of the soul and afterlife, cultural variations in grief, cemeteries as folk art, and medical and ethical issues in comparative context. American death practices compared to those of other cultures.

SLN: 7457  RELIG 426 A  GNOSTICISM (5 Cr)  WILLIAMS

MW: 2:30-4:20  MGH 248
Impact of Gnosticism on the development of Christianity and several other religious groups of that period. Readings dating from the first through the third centuries AD.
SLN: 7458 RELIG 443 A ART, RELIG, & POLITICS IN BYZANTIUM (3 Cr) KARTSONIS

MW: 10:30-11:50 ART 317
Evolution of the art of Byzantium (700-1453 AD) in the context of contemporary religious, political, and cultural developments. Recommended: some background in Byzantine art or history.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

SLN: 7535 SIS 202 AA CULTURAL INTERACTIONS (5 Cr) ROBINSON
Other sessions available

MW: 11:30-12:20 KNE 120
TTH: 8:30-9:20 DEN 306
Cultural interaction among societies and civilizations, particularly Western and non-Western. Intellectual, cultural, social, and artistic aspects; historical factors.

SLN: 7550 SIS 456 AA STATE SOCIETY REL IN 3RD WORLD COUNTRIES (5 Cr) CALLAHAN
Offered jointly w/POL S 450 (SLN: 7149)
Other sessions available

MTTh: 12:30-1:20 MLR 301
Th: 1:30-2:20 SMI 309
The class will focus particularly on the post-World War II political histories of Sierra Leone, Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Nigeria and the Philippines. We will examine the legacies of colonialism for postcolonial states; the pervasive violence that is the currency of elite politics in many developing countries; the inability of "third world" states to make much progress in transforming societies or individuals toward state goals

SLN: 7561 SIS 498 B READINGS IN MODERN MIDDLE EAST (5 Cr) KASABA
W: 3:30-5:20 PAR 120
The seminar will review and discuss the recent literature on modern Middle East. Through our readings, we will evaluate how the study of this region has changed over the years. We will pay special attention to state-society relations, the role of religion in society and politics, and the impact of the war in Iraq on the region.

LAW, SOCIETIES, AND JUSTICE

SLN: 5130 LSJ 421 A WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN ISLAM (5 Cr) OSANLOO
ADD CODE (aosanloo@u.washington.edu)
Offered jointly with ANTH 498 (SLN: 1272)

MW: 12:30-2:20 SAV 241

MUSIC

SLN: 6061 MUSIC 445 (Sel Top in Ethno) MUSIC & MEDIA IN THE ARAB WORLD (5 Cr) SCHUYLER
W: 3:30-5:50 MUS 212

SLN: 5815 MUSAP 389 B WORLD MUSIC: MUSIC OF IRAN () OMOUMI
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SLN: 5899 MUSAP 589 B WORLD MUSIC LAB: MUSIC OF IRAN (2-3 Cr) OMOUMI
CR/NC $105 VOICE AND NAI
TO BE ARRANGED

POLITICAL SCIENCE
SLN: 7143 POL S 414 A POLITICAL & CULTURE (5 Cr) GOLDBERG
SLN: 7190 Offered jointly with SIS 406 A
TTh: 1:30-4:20 SAV 132
How people interpret and shape the political world around them through the use of such cultural resources as language, symbolism, myth, and ritual. The various uses of these cultural elements establish the place of the individual in society, influence the perception of political events, and create opportunities for individual and mass political responses.

NEAR EASTERN COURSES IN ENGLISH
(for Information Call Near East Dept. - 543-6033)
SLN: 6158 NEAR E 220 A ANCIENT NEAR EAST (5 Cr) MARTIN
MW: 1:30-3:20 SAV 211
Surveys the peoples, places and events of the ancient Near East. Examines the cultures of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Canaan, and Israel with an eye to each culture's cultural contributions. Pays special attention to shared cultural elements as well as distinguishing characteristics of the peoples of these regions.

SLN: 6159 NEAR E 436 A ARAB-AMERICAN WRITERS (3 Cr)
TTh: 12:00-1:20 DEN 309
Explores the influence of Arab American writing both in the United States and the Arab world during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Discusses issues of emigration to the United States from the Arab world and its impact on the formation of a distinctive Arab American identity.

SLN: 6160 NEAR E 453 A BIBLICAL PROPHETS (3 Cr) NOEGEL
Offered jointly w/SISJE 453 (SLN: 7608)
TTh: 10:30-11:50 SMI 107
Explores the biblical prophets (in translation) within their Near Eastern contexts. Studies them for their historicity, literary and rhetorical sophistication, and ideological agendas. This course seeks to uncover the meaning and distinctiveness of Israelite prophecy within the context of the larger Near East. No knowledge of the Bible is required.

SLN: 6161 NEAR E 457 A THE HISTORY OF BIBLE INTERPRETATION (3 Cr)
Offered jointly w/RELIG 457 (SLN: 7459)
TTh: 1:30-2:50 SMI 311

SLN: 6163 NEAR E 496A THE UIGHURS: INTRODUCTION TO THEIR CULTURE (5 Cr) ZAKIR
Offered jointly w/NEAR E 596 A (SLN: 6170)
TTh: 3:30-4:50 DEN 316
After briefly discussing the history of the Uighurs, the course will focus on their past and present culture and traditions.
SLN: 6164  NEAR E 496 B  (SPEC STD) INTERMEDIATE UIGHUR (5 Cr)  ANDREWS/ZAKER
Offered jointly w/NEAR E 596 B  (SLN: 6171)
W:    2:30-4:50    DEN 309

SLN: 6165  NEAR E 496 C  (SPEC STD) CENTRAL ASIAN STATES  CARLSON
Offered jointly w/NEAR E 596 C (SLN: 6172) FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE (5 Cr)
TTh:  2:30-4:50    DEN 212

SLN: 6166  NEAR E 496 D  (SPEC STD) CENTRAL ASIAN STATES  SAZEGAR-MEK
Recommended: PRSAN 422  FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE (5 Cr)
TTh:  12:30-1:50    RAI 107
A brief observation of the history of Persian newspapers, magazines, radio, television, cinema and the
Internet in Iran. The social and political impact of the mass media on the fate of the nation before and
after the Revolution of 1979 in Iran.

SLN: 6167  NEAR E 496 E  (SPEC STD) CENTRAL ASIAN STATES
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NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGE COURSES
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ARAB 413 C (SLN: 1287)  ELEM ARABIC  Elkhafaifi  5  MTWThF: 12:30-1:20, PAR 106
ARAB 423 A (SLN: 1288)  INTERMED ARABIC  5  MTWThF: 11:30-12:20, SIG 229
ARAB 433 A (SLN: 1289)  ADVANCED ARABIC  5  TTh: 8:00-9:20, BLM 211
ARAB 455 A (SLN: 1290)  RITUAL/LEGALTEXTS  3  MW: 3:00-4:20, MGH 251A
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