



THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE FALL 2023 COURSE LIST

The Middle East Institute Course Bulletin is intended to provide a listing of Middle East and North Africa related courses at Columbia University. The following courses fulfill the regional course requirements for the Masters in Islamic Studies, the Middle East Graduate Certificate, and the SIPA Regional Specialization. Further course details may be found by visiting the appropriate department's website.

While we try to include all courses in these categories, some course information is posted or adjusted after the bulletin has been assembled. We will be updating the list as we approach the new semester, however, for the most up-to-date information on courses students should refer to the Columbia [course directory](#). *Please consult the online Directory of Classes for information on course modality.*

For approval of courses not listed, which you believe may fulfill regional requirements, please contact the Middle East Specialization Coordinator, Astrid Benedek, at amb49@columbia.edu.

LANGUAGE COURSES

For information on Arabic, Armenian, Hebrew, Persian or Turkish language courses or other general questions on Middle East languages, please see MEI's website. Placement exams for entrance to language courses beyond the introductory year are held at the beginning of each semester.

GRADUATE LEVEL COURSES

| Course Title | Course Code | Call# | Cr | Instructor | Day & Time |
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| ANTHROPOLOGY | | | | | |
| The Ancient Empires | ANHI GU4001 | 13434 | 3 | Terence N D'Altroy | MW 11:40am-12:55pm |
| Islamic Law | ANTH GU4282 | 10432 | 3 | Brinkley Messick | M 10:10am - 12:00pm |
| Modern State/Colonial Subject | ANME GU6406 | 12905 | 3 | Mahmood Mamdani | T 12:10pm-2:00pm |
| ARCHITECTURE | | | | | |
| The Arab City in Film | ARCH A6904 | 10057 | 3 | Yasser Elsheshtawy | R 11:00am - 1:00pm |
| ART HISTORY | | | | | |
| History, Heritage, Post-Disaster Preserv | AHIS GR8811 | 12151 | 4 | Zainab Bahrani Zeynep Celik | R 2:10pm - 4:00pm |
| COMPARATIVE LITERATURE | | | | | |
| Arabic Autobiography Global Dimensions | CPME GU4226 | 10661 | 4 | Muhsin Al-Musawi | W 2:10pm-4:00pm |
| Colonialism | CLME GR6020 | 10662 | 4 | Timothy Mitchell | W 6:10pm-8:00pm |
| East/West Frametale Narratives | CPLS GR6333 | 12603 | 3 | Patricia E Grieve | W 2:10pm-4:00pm |
| Mediterranean Humanities I | CPIA GU4499 | 12526 | 3 | Pier Mattia Tommasino | W 12:10pm-2:00pm |
| Topics in Contemporary Critical Theory | CLSO GU4700 | 13462 | 4 | Stathis Gourgouris | M 1:10pm-3:40pm |
| HISTORY | | | | | |
| Margins of Historiography | HIST GU4121 | 10375 | 4 | Zeynep Celik Tunc Sen | M 2:10pm-4:00pm |
| Occult in the Muslim Past | HIST GU4711 | 10380 | 4 | Tunc Sen | W 10:10am-12:00pm |

**INSTITUTE FOR ISRAEL &
JEWISH STUDIES**

[Topics in Israeli Cinema](#) IIJS GU4145 10728 3 Stuart J Weinstock W 10:00am-1:45pm

**MIDDLE EASTERN, SOUTH
ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES**

[Camera in the Tropics](#) MDES GR6625 10667 4 Debashree Mukherjee R 2:10pm-4:00pm

[Psychoanalysis, Identity, Cult](#) MDES GR8206 10669 4 Joseph A Massad T 4:10pm-6:00pm

[Readings in Sufi Texts](#) MDES GR6236 10671 4 Wael Hallaq W 4:10pm-6:00pm

[Theory and Methods I](#) MDES GR5000 11046 4 Timothy Mitchell T 10:10am-12:00pm

[War, Genocide & Aftermath
Comp Perspectiv](#) MDES GU4357 10903 4 Khatchig Mouradian M 4:10pm-6:00pm

POLITICAL SCIENCE

[Nat Security Strat of Mid East](#) POLI GU4845 13540 4 Charles D Freilich T 10:10am-12:00pm

RELIGION

[Sufism](#) RELI GU4325 12539 4 Aziza Shanazarova M 6:10pm-8:00pm

SOCIOLOGY

[Israel and the Palestinians](#) SOCI GR4801 10322 3 Yinon Cohen T 2:10pm-4:00pm

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL COURSES

| Course Title | Course Code | Call# | Cr | Instructor | Day & Time |
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| ANTHROPOLOGY | | | | | |
| Archaeol Before the Bible | ANTH UN3007 | 10098 | 3 | Brian Boyd | TR 10:10am-11:25am |
| The Interpretation of Culture | ANTH UN1002 | 10097 | 3 | Naor H Ben-Yehoyada | MW 10:10am-11:25am |
| ARCHITECTURE | | | | | |
| Life Beyond Emergency: Domesticities of | ARCH UN2530 | 00628 | 3 | Anooradha I Siddiqui | TR 1:10pm-2:25pm |

* Note that course codes at the 4000 level are graduate course that are also open to qualified undergraduates

**CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF
ETHNICITY AND RACE**

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| Colonization/Decolonization | CSER UN3928 | 10928 | 4 | Manan Ahmed | T 2:10pm-4:00pm |
| Muslim Roots/Routes in the Americas | CSER UN3971 | 10950 | 4 | Bahia Munem | T 12:10pm-2:00pm |
| Post 9/11 Immigration Policies | CSER UN3490 | 10952 | 4 | Elizabeth Ouyang | R 10:10am-12:00pm |

**CLASSICS AND ANCIENT
STUDIES**

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| Archaeology of Crisis: The Collapse of T | CCIV BC3333 | 00289 | 3 | Ellen Morris | TR 1:10pm-2:25pm |
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COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

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| Arabic Literature as World Literature | CLME UN3221 | 10663 | 4 | Sarah Bin Tyeer | M 4:10pm-6:00pm |
| Arabic Prison Writing | CLME UN3928 | 10660 | 3 | Muhsin Al-Musawi | R 2:10pm-4:00pm |
| East/West Frametale Narratives | CPLS UN3333 | 12611 | 4 | Patricia E Grieve | R 12:10pm-2:00pm |

FRENCH

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| Women Writers of Contemporary Middle Eas | FREN BC3104 | 00223 | 3 | Melanie Heydari | TR 11:40am-12:55pm |
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HISTORY

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| Anarchism: A Global History | HIST BC3692 | 00190 | 4 | Jose Moya | T 10:10am-12:00pm |
| E Medit in the Late Bronze Age | HIST UN3930 | 10357 | 4 | Marc Van de Mieroop | R 4:10pm-6:00pm |

**MIDDLE EASTERN, SOUTH
ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES**

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| Contemp Culture in Arab World | MDES UN3920 | 10668 | 3 | Joseph A Massad | W 4:10pm-6:00pm |
| Cntrl Questions in Islamic Law | MDES UN3923 | 10670 | 3 | Wael Hallaq | T 4:10pm-6:00pm |
| Colloquium on Major Texts (section 001) | AHUM UN1399 | 00676 | 4 | Matthew L Keegan | W 2:10pm-4:00pm |
| Colloquium on Major Texts (section 002) | AHUM UN1399 | 13236 | 4 | Sarah Bin Tyeer | T 4:10pm-6:00pm |
| Game of Thrones: On Epics and Empires | MDES UN1030 | 10438 | 4 | Hamid Dabashi | TR 10:10AM-11:25AM |
| Getting Crusaded | ACME BC2000 | 00747 | 4 | Matthew L Keegan | TR 1:10pm-2:25pm |
| History of the Mod Middle East | MDES UN2719 | 10378 | 4 | Rashid I Khalidi | TR 10:10am-11:25am |
| Intro to Armenian Studies | MDES UN3335 | 13154 | 3 | Alison Vacca | T 10:10am-12:00pm |

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| Intro to Islamic Civilization | ASCM UN2003 | 10437 | 4 | Alison Vacca | MW 10:10am-11:25am |
| Theory and Culture | MDES UN3000 | 10666 | 4 | Debashree Mukherjee | MW 11:40am-12:55pm |

MUSIC

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| World Music Ensemble - Arabic | MUS UN1551 | 11850 | 1 | Taoufik Ben-Amor | R 6:00pm-8:00pm |
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RELIGION

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| Quran | RELI UN3314 | 00297 | 4 | Najam I Haider | TR 1:10pm-2:25pm |
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