



## THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE SPRING 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](mailto: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**

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Call#</b>	<b>Cr</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Day &amp; Time</b>
<b>ANTHROPOLOGY</b>					
<a href="#"><u>Weaving Seminar</u></a>	ANTH GU4355	15225	4	Brinkley Messick	T 12:10pm-2:00pm
<b>ARCHITECTURE</b>					
<a href="#"><u>Arab Modernisms</u></a>	ARCH A4385	11402	3	Yasser Elsheshtawy	M 11:00am - 1:00pm
<b>ART HISTORY</b>					
<a href="#"><u>The Fragment</u></a>	AHIS GU4538	17414	4	Eleonora Pistis	R 12:10pm-2:00pm
<b>COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL THOUGHT</b>					
<a href="#"><u>Globalizations &amp; the Problems of World Order</u></a>	CGLT GR6730	11094	3	Yahya K Tajbakhsh	T 2:10pm-4:00pm
<b>COMPARATIVE LITERATURE</b>					
<a href="#"><u>Cold War Arab Culture</u></a>	CPME GU4231	13061	4	Muhsin Al-Musawi	W 2:10pm-4:00pm
<a href="#"><u>Renaissance Orientalism</u></a>	CPIA GU4300	14127	3	Pier Mattia Tommasino	W 2:10pm-4:00pm
<a href="#"><u>Sufism: Primary Texts/Contexts</u></a>	CPME GU4241	13078	4	Muhsin Al-Musawi	T 2:10pm-4:00pm
<b>HISTORY</b>					
<a href="#"><u>Colonial Cities</u></a>	HIST GR8907	11162	4	Zeynep Celik	R 2:10pm-4:00pm

<a href="#">Gender and Women in Islam: South Asia &amp; Middle East Since 1900</a>	HISTGU480 1	11254	4	Tahira S Khan	R 2:10pm-4:00pm
<a href="#">Politics of Archaeology</a>	HIST GR4723	11161	4	Zeynep Celik	M 2:10pm-4:00pm
<b>INSTITUTE FOR ISRAEL &amp; JEWISH STUDIES</b>					
<a href="#">Topics in Israeli Cinema</a>	IIJS GU4145	14652	3	Stuart Weinstock	T 10:00am-1:45pm
<a href="#">History of Modern Israel</a>	JWST GU4600	14397	4	Avraham Shilon	M 10:10am-12:00pm
<b>MIDDLE EASTERN, SOUTH ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES</b>					
<a href="#">From Syria to Spain: History of the Umayyad</a>	MDES GU4242	17931	4	Alison Vacca	M 2:10pm-4:00pm
<a href="#">Natl in Mid East as Idea/Prac</a>	MDES GR6031	12089	4	Joseph A Massad	T 4:10-6:00pm
<a href="#">Readings in Ottoman Texts</a>	MDES GU4927	13642	3	Dilek Oztoprak	TR 2:40pm-3:55pm
<a href="#">Sharia Texts</a>	MDES GR6237	15345	4	Wael Hallaq	W 4:10pm-6:00pm
<b>MUSIC</b>					
<a href="#">Arab Music Ensemble</a>	MUSI UN1551	11961	1	Taoufik Ben-Amor	Th 6:00PM-8:00PM
<b>RELIGION</b>					
<a href="#">Exploring the Sharia: Islamic Law</a>	RELI GU4322	00196	4	Najam I Haider	T 2:10-4:00pm
<a href="#">Sufism in South Asia</a>	RELI GU4326	13069	4	Quinn A Clark	W 12:10pm-2:00pm

<a href="#">Women and Islam</a>	RELI GU4565	17214	4	Aziza Shanazarova	M 2:10pm-4:00pm
<b>SIPA</b>					
<a href="#">Authoritarianism</a>	INAF U8260	10395	3	Lisa S Anderson	W 2:10pm-4:00pm
<a href="#">Diplomacy in Practice: The EU &amp; the World</a>	IAIA U6310	11456	3	Pierre Vimont	R 9:00am-10:50am
<a href="#">Geopolitics of Oil and Natural Gas</a>	INAF U6680	10665	3	Natasha Udensiva	T 11:00am-12:50pm
<a href="#">Global Governance: Climate Change &amp; Migr</a>	INAF U6343	10449	3	Daniel Naujoks	W 2:10pm-4:00pm
<a href="#">Modern Iran: From Monarchy to Islamic Republic</a>	REGN U8588	10277	3	Lawrence G Potter	W 2:10pm-4:00pm
<a href="#">Yemen at War</a>	SIPA U6882	14854	1.5	Peter Salisbury	R 11:00am-12:50pm
<b>UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY</b>					
<a href="#">Faith and Human Struggle: Christian and Muslim Perspectives</a>	SU 150 MS1		1	Mona Siddiqui	
<a href="#">Topics in Ministry: Death and Dying in Islam: How Best to Care for Muslim Patients</a>	SU 190 MS1		1	Maryam Sharrieff	
<a href="#">Muslims in the United States: Defining the Nation</a>	IE 238		3	Hussein Rashid	
<b>WOMEN'S STUDIES</b>					
<a href="#">SWANA Diasporas: Culture, Politics and Identity Formation in a Time of War</a>	WMST GU4330	00665	4	Manijeh Moradian	R 12:10pm-2:00pm

**UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL COURSES**

Course Title	Course Code	Call#	Cr	Instructor	Day & Time
<b>ANTHROPOLOGY</b>					
<a href="#"><u>The Rise of Civilization</u></a>	ANTH UN1008	12215	3	Terence N D’Altroy	TR 11:40am-12:55pm
<b>CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF ETHNICITY AND RACE</b>					
<a href="#"><u>Colonization/Decolonization</u></a>	CSER UN3928	14981	4	Emma Crane	R 4:10pm-6:00pm
<a href="#"><u>Muslim Roots/Routes in the Americas</u></a>	CSER UN3971	15459	4	Bahia Munem	W 2:10pm-4:00pm
<b>CLASSICS AND ANCIENT STUDIES</b>					
<a href="#"><u>The Rise and Fall of Ancient Greek Civilization</u></a>	CLIV UN1002	14909	3	John T Ma	TR 1:10pm-2:25pm
<a href="#"><u>Worlds of Alexander the Great</u></a>	CLIV UN3059	14905	3	John T Ma	R 4:10pm-6:00pm
<b>COMPARATIVE LITERATURE</b>					
<a href="#"><u>The Arabic Novel</u></a>	CPLI BC3552	00247	4	Hisham Matar	T 2:10pm-4:00pm
<a href="#"><u>Staging the Early Mod Mediterr</u></a>	CPLS UN3454	12974	4	Patricia E Grieve	W 2:10PM-4:00PM
<b>ENGLISH</b>					
<a href="#"><u>The ‘Global’ Novel</u></a>	ENGL BC3207	00521	3	Atefeh Akbari Shahmirzadi	TR 1:10pm-2:25pm

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

<a href="#">World Literature Revisited II</a>	ENGL BC3205	00520	3	Atefeh Akbari Shahmirzadi	TR 4:10pm-5:25pm
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**FILM**

<a href="#">Arab &amp; African Filmmaking</a>	FILM UN2296	14124	3	Richard A Pena	TR 6:10pm-9:45pm
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**HISTORY**

<a href="#">Ancient History of Egypt</a>	HIST UN1004	11267	4	Marc Van de Mieroop	TR 4:10pm-5:25pm
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**INSTITUTE FOR ISRAEL  
& JEWISH STUDIES**

<a href="#">Jewish Culture in Transl in Med Iberia</a>	IJS UN3303	12829	3	Isabelle C Levy	MW 8:40am-9:55am
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**MIDDLE EASTERN,  
SOUTH ASIAN AND  
AFRICAN STUDIES**

<a href="#">Contemp Islamic Civilization</a>	ACME UN2008	11724	4	Alison Vacca	MW 10:10am-11:25am
<a href="#">Colloquium on Major Texts</a>	AHUM UN1399	11964	4	Elaine van Dalen	W 2:10PM-4:00PM
<a href="#">Colloquium on Major Texts</a>	AHUM UN1399	00394	4	Nathanael P Shelley	T 10:10am-12:00pm
<a href="#">Colloquium on Major Texts</a>	AHUM UN1399	00393	4	Rachel McDermott	T 2:10pm-4:00pm
<a href="#">Colloquium on Major Texts</a>	AHUM UN1399	11856	4	Wael Hallaq	T 4:10PM-6:00PM
<a href="#">Ethnicity, Race, Identity in the Pre-Mod</a>	MDES UN2000	00397	4	Nathanael P Shelley	T 4:10pm-6:00pm
<a href="#">History of Ancient Israel and Judah</a>	MDES UN1033	00795	4	Nathanael P Shelley	MW 4:10pm-5:25pm

<a href="#"><u>Islam and the Politics of Modernity</u></a>	MDES UN3932	16670	3	Youssef Ben Ismail	W 12:10pm-2:00pm
<a href="#"><u>Palestinian-Israeli Polit/Soc</u></a>	MDES UN3042	12090	4	Joseph A Massad	TR 2:40pm-3:55pm
<a href="#"><u>Societies/Cultrs: Indian Ocean</u></a>	MDES UN3445	13732	3	Mana Kia	MW 1:10pm-2:25pm
<a href="#"><u>Urban Space &amp; Conflict in Middle East</u></a>	MDES UN3331	15109	3	Khatchig Mouradian	M 4:10pm-6:00pm
<b>RELIGION</b>					
<a href="#"><u>Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?</u></a>	ASRE BC3115	00396	4	Rachel McDermott	TR 8:40am-9:55am
<b>SOCIOLOGY</b>					
<a href="#"><u>Arab New York</u></a>	SOCI BC3236	00045	3	Randa B Serhan	MW 2:40pm-3:55pm
<b>URBAN STUDIES</b>					
<a href="#"><u>Urban Ethnography of/in the Middle East</u></a>	URBS UN3353	00459	3	Claire D Panetta	TR 2:40pm-3:55pm