Week 1

Lecture 1 (1/27) Introduction, Pre-Islamic Arabia
  • Lapidus, *History of Islamic Societies*, Introduction, chapters 1 and 3 (pp. 1-38). (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)

Lecture 2 (1/29) The Prophetic Mission
  • Lapidus, *History of Islamic Societies*, chapter 4 (pp. 39-54). (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)

Week 2

Lecture 1 (2/03) Caliphs and Conquerors
  • Lapidus, *History of Islamic Societies*, chapters 5, 6, 7 (55-79) (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)

Lecture 2 (2/05) Patrimonial Monarchs and their Opponents
  • Lapidus, *History of Islamic Societies*, Chapters 8 and 12 (80-90, 117-125) (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)

Primary Sources:

Response paper 1 on the primary source due during recitation meeting.
Week 3

Lecture 1 (2/10)  The Abbasid Empire: Power and Politics of Patronage
•  
  o  Lapidus, History of Islamic Societies, chapter 9 (pp. 74-84). (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)

Lecture 2 (2/12)  The Abbasid Empire: Caliphs, Scholars, and Mystics
•  
  o  Lapidus, History of Islamic Societies, chapters 13, 14, 15 (126-149, 154-167). (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)

Primary Source:
•  Abu Hamzah. Comments on the Caliphs, 129-132.
•  Walid II. Letter. 116-126.

***Response paper 2 on Abu Hamzah and Walid II due during recitation meeting***

Week 4

Lecture 1 (2/17)  President's Day (No Class)

Lecture 2 (2/19)  Caliphs and Sultans
•  Lapidus, History of Islamic Societies, chapters 20 & 22 (pp. 225-233, 250-254, 293-301). (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)

Primary Source:

First analytic paper: Imperial court and Pietist circles: Compare and contrast the description of Baghdadi social life in al-Ṭabarī (from week 3) and Ibn al-Jawzī (from week 4). Due on NYUClasses 2/20 11:55PM

Week 5

Lecture 1 (2/24)  Two Caliphates? The Fatimids in Egypt
•  Lapidus, History of Islamic Societies, chapters 10, 16, 20 (105-113, 174-180, 225-243). (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)
Lecture 2 (2/26) Jihad and the Frontiers


Primary Source:


Second analytic paper:

Imams and Caliphs: compare, contrast, and Contextualize Sunni and Shiʿī political authority in al-Mawardi and Idrīs ʿImad al-Dīn

Paper due Feb 27, 2020 11:55 pm

Week 6

Lecture 1 (3/02) The Khans and the Fall of Baghdad

- Lapidus, *History of Islamic Societies*, 233-238. ([https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650](https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650))

In Class Mid-term exam (2/28)

Week 7

Lecture 1 (3/09) Amirs and Saints of the Maghreb


Lecture 2 (3/11) Clerisy and Kings of West Africa

- Lapidus, *History of Islamic Societies*, chapters 40 and 41 (pp. 588-618). ([https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650](https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650))

Primary Source:


Response paper 3 on the primary source due during recitation meeting.
Spring Recess – No Class

Week 8

Lecture 1 (3/23) The House of Osman
• Lapidus, *History of Islamic Societies*, chapter 31 (427-462). (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)

Lecture 2 (3/25) The wonder that was Andalusia
• Lapidus, *History of Islamic Societies*, chapter 27 (382-405). (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)
• In-class Screening: When the Moors ruled in Europe

Primary Source:
• Ogier Ghiselin de Busbecq, *The Turkish Letters*, 1555-1562.
• The Status of Jews and Christian in Muslim Lands, 1772.

***Response paper 4 on the primary source due during recitation meeting***

Week 9

Lecture 1 (3/30) The Safavid Shahs and the Shiʿī Clerics
• Lapidus, *History of Islamic Societies*, chapter 34 (pp. 490-506). (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)

Lecture 2 (4/01) The Millennial Sovereign
• Lapidus, *History of Islamic Societies*, chapter 35 (509-531, 536-7). (https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650)

Primary Source:
• The Poetry of Shāh Ismāʿīl I.

***Paper on visit to the MET due on NYUClasses 4/01 11:55PM ***

Week 10

Lecture 1 (4/06) Muslim Sultans in the Lands below the Winds
Lecture 2 (4/08)  The Wahhabi Mission and the Saudi State

- Lapidus, *Islamic Societies*, chapter 25 (pp. 359-361) ([https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650](https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9405650))

Primary Source:


***Response paper 5 on the primary source due during recitation meeting***

Week 11

Lecture 1 (4/13)  The Decline and Abolishment of the Ottoman Caliphate


Lecture 2 (4/15)  Islam and Political Modernity: The Middle East


Primary Source:


Week 12

Lecture 1 (4/20)  Islam and Political Modernity: The Indian subcontinent


Lecture 2 (4/22)  Islam and Political Modernity: Iran


Primary Source:

• Sir Muhammad Iqbal. “Presidential Address to the 25th Session of the All-India Muslim League” Allahabad, 29 December 1930.

Week 13

Lecture 1 (4/27) Islamism

• Lapidus, A History of Islamic Societies, 822-835 (NYUclasses: “Resources”).

Lecture 2 (4/29) Al-Qaeda: New or Old Politics?


Primary Source:


***Third analytic paper: Choose two from the five thinkers we read in week 12 and 13 (ʿAbd al-Razīq, Iqbal, Maududi, Khomeini, Qutb). Analyze and compare their thoughts on the role of religion in modern politics and society. Due on NYUClasses 4/29 11:55PM***

Week 14

Lecture 1 (5/04) ISIS

• In-Class Screening: The Secret History of ISIS

Lecture 2 (5/06) Post-Islamism

• Asef Bayat, “Post-Islamism at Large,” 3-30 (NYUclasses: “Resources”).

Primary Source:

• Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, A Message to the Mujahidin and the Muslim Ummah in the Month of Ramadan. Al-Hayat Media Center.

Week 15

**Lecture 1 (5/11) Final Review**