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His 295 02: Islamic Empires

Course Description:

This class is an introduction to Islamic Empires. After a brief survey of the first Islamic Empires, we will focus on the Ottoman, Safavid, and Mughal Empires during the early modern and modern periods. Our explorations will center political and religious history, but we will also incorporate intellectual history and cultural expression to gain a better appreciation of the richness and diversity of Islamic Empires in the Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia

Course Requirements:

This is a seminar course. It is imperative that each student carefully reads all of the assigned readings on time and comes to class ready to participate in class discussion.

There will be a simple map quiz to help cover the geographical areas we will discuss in this class. The short response essay (~3 pp.) should respond to the readings and concerned for one class session. There will be a midterm to cover the early history of Islamic Empires. The main assignment in this class is the final paper, to be developed in consultation with the instructor. The assignment has been divided into smaller segments, making this process more straightforward. It does, however, mean that you will have to start thinking about your paper and going through the syllabus early on in the semester. I am happy to meet with you during office hours to discuss your paper ideas. I will provide handouts about these assignments throughout the semester.

All assignments must be submitted to pass the course. There is no penalty for early assignments. Late assignments will be penalized a third of a letter grade for every day late. Again, there is no penalty for early assignments. Repeat, there is no penalty for early assignments.

(!!)Writing Mentor(!!)

Our class is blessed to be graced by the presence of a wonderful writing mentor Terran Mott [mottterr]. As a writing mentor, Terran is a resource to all of you in completing the writing assignments. You have the option of meeting with Terran prior to handing in any of the written assignments. I encourage you to go to these meetings. Please attend all meetings with Terran prepared to discuss your work this means bringing an outline, some ideas written down, or

9/11: Class 3

[Vernon O. Egger, *A History of the Muslim World to 1405: The Making of a Civilization* \(Abingdon, England; New York, NY: Routledge, 2016\), 100-28.](#)

9/13: Class 4

Carter Vaughn Findley, *The Turks in World History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), 56-75. (Pweb)

Global Entanglements and the Rise of Turkic Power

9/18: Class 5

Dale, *Muslim Empires*, 1-9.

[*Medieval Encounters* 10.1-3 \(2004\), pp. 339-361.](#)

9/20: Class 6

[: Notes Towards a Reconfiguration of Early](#)

[*Modern Asian Studies* 31.3 \(1997\): 735-762.](#)

Dale, *Muslim Empires*, 10-47.

Introducing the Early Modern Empires

9/25: Class 7: **Ottomans**

Streusand, 29-82.

9/27: Class 8: **Ottomans**

Streusand, 82-104.

SHORT-RESPONSE ESSAY DUE.

10/2: Class 9:

