

COURSE TITLE:

MUSLIM WORLD AND CONTEMPORARY ANTISEMITISM

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CLASS TIME:

WEDNESDAY: 2.00-5.00 pm (Weekly)

FALL 2015 (August to December)

OFFICE HOURS: FRIDAY, 2.00-5.00(Or by appointment)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a graduate course. Its primary objective is to introduce students to the debates on the contemporary forms of antisemitism in the Muslim world. There is a general understanding that antisemitism is pervasive in the Muslim world for variety of historical and political reasons. This course explores various factors behind this claim and seeks to explain the connection between historical as well as contemporary aspect of antisemitism. Furthermore, there is general understanding that ever since Israel has come into existence, the traditional forms of antisemitism have taken a new shape. Various political developments such as colonialism, the Arab- Israeli war, Iranian revolution, US- Iraq War, and Israel- Palestine issues have contributed to the shaping of various forms of antisemitism in Muslim world.

OBJECTIVES:

Anti- Semitism is longest hatred in human history and the most troubling aspect of it is that it has been the source of other forms of hatred such as Islamic terrorism. The main objective is to introduce the concepts such as anti semitism, radical Islam, Islamic terrorism etc.

As part of our attempt to explain this, we ask the following questions:

What is a Muslim world? What is antisemitism in the contemporary times? How does the historical relationship between the West and Muslim world shape the perceptions of antisemitism? What are the sources of antisemitism among Muslims? How does the radical Islam shape these perceptions? What is the relationship between antisemitism and radical Islam? How have the modern day conflicts such as the Arab Israeli war, Iranian revolution, Islamic terrorism, 9/11 attack, Israel- Palestine issues contributed to this? What are the other sources of antisemitism in Muslim world?

EVALUATION:

A) Participation in Class Room 10 %

B) Three Short Term Papers (15 % each) 45%

Deadlines

1) First Term paper: 26 August.

2) Second Term Paper: 16 September.

3) Third Term Paper :7 October.

C) Final Term Paper (Deadline: 15 Dec) 45%

Total: 100%

REQUIRED READINGS:

Ajami, Fouad, *The Arab Predicament* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1981)

Arendt, Hannah, *The Origins Of Totalitarianism* (New York: Hartcourt Inc, 1951, reprinted 1976)

Baker, Raymond, *Islam without Fear: Egypt and the New Islamists* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2003)

Bostom, Andrew, ed. *The Legacy of Islamic Anti- Semitism* (Amherst, NY: Prometheus, 2008)

Danahaur, Paul, *The New Middle East: The World After Arab Spring* (London, Bloomsberry, 2015)

Derment, Peter, *Islam vs. Islamism: The Dilemma of the Muslim World*
(Westpoint, CT:Prager, 2006)

Euben Roxanne, *The Enemy In the Mirror: Islamic Fundamentalism and the Limits of Modern Rationalism* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1999)

Fuller, Graham, *A Sense of Siege: The Geopolitics of Islam and the West* (Boulder, CO: Westview, 1991)

Kuntzel, Matthias. *Jihad and Jew- Hatred: Islamism, Nazism, and the Roots of 9/11*(New York: Telos Press, 2007)

Lewis, Bernard, *The Jews of Islam* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press,1984)

Small, Charles A , ed. *The Yale Papers: Antisemitism in Comparative Perspective*,(New York: ISGAP, 2015)

Tibi, Bassam, *Conflict and War in the Middle East: From Inter- State War to New Security*(New York, St. Martin's Press, 1998)

----- *Islam between Culture and Politics* (New York: Palgrave, 2001)

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

Akbarzadeh, Shahram, ed. *Islam and Globalization: Critical Concepts in Islamic Studies*, Vol 1(New York: Routledge, 2006).

Brenkert, John, *The Cultural Contradictions Of Democracy* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2007)

Fuller, Graham, *The Centre of the Universe: The Geopolitics of Iran* (Boulder, CO:Westview, 1991)

Kurzman, Charles, ed. *Liberal Islam: A Sourcebook*(New York: Oxford University Press, 1998)

Laqueur, Walter, *The Changing Face of Anti-semitism* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006)

Laurence, Jonathan and Justin Vaisee, *Integrating Islam* (Washington, D C Brookings Institution, 2006)

Pipes, Daniel, *The Hidden Hand: Middle East Fears of Democracy* (New York:St Martin's Press, 1996)

Rosefsky Wickham, Carrie, *Mobilizing Islam: Religion, Activism, and Political Change in Egypt*(New York: Columbia University Press, 2009)

Roth, John and Leonard Grob, eds. *Encountering the Stranger: A Jewish-Christian-Muslim Trilouge*,(University Of Washington Press, 2012)

