

Module Title: Post-Umayyad - Ottoman History

Module Code: HISTHR

Course Duration: 17 Weeks

Teaching Method: 2 units/week

Credits: 10

Overview:

This Module critically evaluates the Abbasid revolution along with its significant achievements and the reasons for its decline. It will also discuss and evaluate the subsequent dynasties in Muslim history, namely the Ghaznavids, Seljuks, Buyids, Safavids, Fatimids, Mongols and Ottomans up until the present day Muslim national states.

Syllabus:

The following are the subjects that are discussed in this module:

- The rise and fall of the Abbasid dynasty and its major contributions to Islam.
- The rise and fall of subsequent Muslim dynasties and their major contributions, including:
 - o Ghaznavids o Seljuks o Buyids o Safavids o Fatimids o Mongols
 - o Ottomans
 - o Current Muslim nation states

Learning outcomes:

On completion of this module, the successful student will be able to:

1. Discuss critically and understand the socio-political and cultural conditions of the Muslim world during the rise and fall of the aforementioned dynasties.
2. Have knowledge of the similarities and difference between the past Muslim dynasties and the modern day Muslim national states.

Assessment Weighting:

- 100% Assignment

Learning Materials:

Core Texts:

- Armstrong, K. (2000), *Islam: A Short History*, New York: Modern Library
- Bosworth, C. E. (1977), *The Later Ghaznavids: Splendour and Decay: the dynasty in Afghanistan and northern India, 1040-1186*, New York: Columbia University Press.
- Esposito, J. L. (1999), *The Oxford History of Islam*, New York: Oxford University Press
- Holt, P. M et al. (1977), *The Cambridge History of Islam*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Hourani, A. (1991), *A History of the Arab Peoples*, Cambridge: Mass, Belknap Press of Harvard University Press
- Lapidus, I. M. (1988), *A History of Islamic Societies*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Lewis, B. (. (1985), *The Arabs in History*, London: U. A. Hutchinson
- Peacock, A. C. S. (2010), *Early Seljūq History: A New Interpretation*, London: Routledge
- Rahman, F. (1966), *Islam*, London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson
- Sonn, T. (2004), *A Brief History of Islam*, Malden: Blackwell Pub
- Walker, P. E. (2002), *Exploring an Islamic Empire: Fatimid History and its Sources*, London: I.B. Tauris
- Zaydān, J., & MARGOLIOUTH, D. (1907), *Umayyads and 'Abbāsids*, being the fourth part of *Jurjī Zaydān's History of Islamic Civilization*, Leyden [etc.], E. J. Brill
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