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History 370-3
HISTORY OF ISLAMIC MIDDLE EAST, 1789-PRESENT
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Maximum Enrollment: 45

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The course surveys the factors that shaped the political, economic, and social features of the modern Middle East from 1789 to the present. The course begins with a study of traditional (mainly Ottoman) institutions; it then traces the forces which weakened those institutions and examines the efforts of Middle Eastern leaders to resist or encourage change. The second half of the course focuses on the period since World War I. It examines the origins of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the significance of secular ideologies such as Arab nationalism and socialism, the successes and failure of the Nasser regime in Egypt, the rise of Islamism, the Iranian revolution, and the Middle East since the end of the Cold War.

AREA OF CONCENTRATION: Asia/Middle East

TEACHING METHOD: Lecture and discussion sections

EVALUATION METHOD: Two exams (a midterm and a final)

GRADING BASIS: ANC

TENTATIVE READING LIST:
Course packet

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: Henri Lauzière is a professor of modern Middle Eastern history (Ph.D. Georgetown 2008) who specializes in Islamic thought. Before joining the faculty at Northwestern University in 2009, he taught at Princeton University and Georgetown University and lived in Morocco and Qatar.