

THE ROADMAP

Key: Moodle (M), Reserve (R), Library E-View (E), Online (O), Video/Multimedia (V)

ORIENTATION & PRELUDE

WEEK 1 (Jan 16): The Scope and the Stakes in the Study

Readings:

- Fukuyama, “The West has Won” (2001)
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2001/oct/11/afghanistan.terrorism30>
- Bernard Lewis, “The Roots of Muslim Rage”, *The Atlantic* (O) or (E)
- Maryam Jameelah “Islam and the Modern Man” (M)
- **Text in Focus:** Edward Said on Orientalism [here](#) (V)
- **Recommended:** Sherman A. Jackson, *Islam and the Problem of Black Suffering* “Introduction” (E)
- (V) – Mohammad Ali on Islam
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7YF58ygric&list=PL841B37584D9774A0&index=2>

Bring a 100-word intellectual biography that also gives a sense of your investment in the study of religion or/and this course. I very much appreciate candidness.

WEEK 2 (Jan 23): So What Went Wrong? History of and Perspectives on THE CRISIS

Readings:

- *Seven Wonders of the Muslim World* (V) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPLMW-DB0uo&list=PL7FA1B961FD3DE25B&index=21> (A Basic Introduction to Islam)
- **Text in Focus:** Vali Nasr, “European Colonialism and the Emergence of Modern Muslim States” in *The Oxford History of Islam* (E)
- *Islam in the World Today* “Islam Reflected in Contemporary Literature” (800-829) (E) & (R) - <https://www-jstor-org.proxy048.nclive.org/stable/10.7591/j.ctt7v84x>
- Fuad S Naeem, “Humorous Contestation, Akbar Allahabadi” (M)
- *Islam and the Plight of Modern Man*, Chapter 2 (M)
- **Recommended:** *Cultural Schizophrenia*, pp. 3-15 (M)
- Bernard Lewis, “What Went Wrong?” [here](#) (The Atlantic)
- *Islam in Transition*, 20-23, 44-48 & 115-121. (R) or (O)

SHIFTING POLITICAL TERRAINS & VISION(S)

WEEK 3 (Jan 30): Contemporary Islamic Political Thought I – Liberty, State & Secularity

Readings:

- Bernard Lewis, “Islam and Liberal Democracy” *Atlantic* (O) or (E)
- Paul Heck, *Political Theology and Islam*, (PART V) “Introduction” & Chapter 9
- *Islam in Transition* 16-19, 24-38. & 41-43. (R) or (O)
- **Text in Focus:** Naquib al-Attas, “Secular-Secularization-Secularism” (M)
- **Recommended:** Nader Hashemi, *Islam, Secularism and Liberal Democracy*, Chapter 4 (M).

WEEK 4 (Feb 6): (Apr 16): Contemporary Islamic Political Thought II – Democracy

Readings:

- *Political Theology and Islam*, Ch.10
- *Islam in Transition* 288-330. (R) or (O)
- Asif Bayat, “Islam and Democracy: What is the Real Question?” (M)
- **Text in Focus:** Prince Ghazi (ed.), “Islamic Government and Democracy” pp.1-20. (M)
- **WATCH:** *The Battle of Algiers* (1966) – available through Davidson’s Kanopy subscription.
- **Recommended:** Nader Hashemi, *Islam, Secularism and Liberal Democracy*, Chapter 1 (E).

WEEK 5 (Feb 13): Islamic Vision(s) of Governance in Modernity

Readings:

- Mawdudi (Ch.3), Khomeini (Ch. 6), “Taliban” (Ch. 17), in *Princeton Readings in Islamist Thought* (E)
- Teitelbaum, “Sharif Husayn ibn Ali & the Hashemite Vision of Post-Ottoman Order” (M)
- **WATCH:** *Lawrence of Arabia* (1962) – DVD reserved in the library (R)
- **Text in Focus:** Maududi, “Our Message” (M)

First Draft of the Journal-Portfolio is Due (FEB 13)

WEEK 6 (Feb 20): Assumed Axioms & Provocations I

Readings:

- Abdul Hakim Murad, “Can Liberalism Tolerate Islam?” in *Traveling Home* (M)
- Roxanne Euben “When Worldviews Collide” (M)
- Talal Asad, “Religion, Nation-State, Secularism” (M)
- **Text in Focus:** Wael Hallaq, *The Impossible State*, “Introduction” and Chapters 1 & 2 (E)
- **Recommended:** Lindbom, *The Myth of Democracy* (selections) – TBA

WEEK 7 (Feb 27): Assumed Axioms & Provocations II

Readings:

- **Text in Focus:** Hasan Lee Gai Eaton, *King of the Castle*. Try reading the whole book, or at least from Preface -Chapter 4 & Ch.8.
- **WATCH:** *Lion of the Desert* (1981) – DVD reserved in the library (R)
Everyone will MAP and discuss ONE chapter from the book.

SPRING BREAK: March 4 - Mar 8

WEEK 8 (Mar 12): Traditional Islamic Political Thought I

Readings:

- SHN, “Islam and the Political Order” <https://tinyurl.com/268sd87w> (V)
- Khalid Masud, *The Doctrine of Siyasa in Islamic Law* (M)
- *Political Theology and Islam*, “Introduction”, Chs 1, 2 & “Conclusion” (Everyone will read.)
- **Recommended:** A. Khan, “The Ethics of Hierarchy in the Tablighi Jamaat in Pakistan” (M)

Everyone will summarize and discuss ONE chapter from PART II (Chs. 3 & 4) & IV (Chs.7 & 8).

SECOND Draft of the Journal-Portfolio is Due (MAR 12)

WEEK 9 (Mar 19): Forgotten Traditions & Perspectives – Traditional Political Thought II

Readings:

- **WATCH:** *Looking for Muhyiddin* (2012) – All parts
<https://video-alexanderstreet-com.proxy048.nclive.org/watch/mind-mhs-ynvnw9no23>
- Doha T Hamed, “A Sufi Conception of Power: Ibn Arabi’s Discourse on Governance” (M)
- **Documentary:** *Had Anhad: Journeys with Ram and Kabir* (V)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dr83axn1IbM&list=PL7FA1B961FD3DE25B&index=5>
- **Documentary:** *Pilgrimage to Karbala* [2007] (V)
<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/wideangle/video/pilgrimage-to-karbala-video-full-episode/4817/>
- Ali ibn Abi Talib (tr. Chittick), “The Ruler and the Society” (O) <https://www.al-islam.org/richest-treasure-imam-ali/imam-alis-letter-malik-al-ashtar-richest-treasure> OR <https://www.al-islam.org/nahjul-balagha-part-2-letters-and-sayings/letter-53-order-malik-al-ashtar>
- **Text in Focus:** *Shi’ism: Doctrines, Thought, Spirituality*, H. Corbin’s two essays, pp.167-202 (E)

WEEK 10 (Mar 26): Forgotten Traditions & Perspectives – Traditional Political Thought III

Readings:

- Blaydes, Grimmer, “Mirrors for Princes and Sultans” (M)
- *Medieval Muslim Mirror for Princes: An Anthology* Chapter 6 (E)

- Pelevin, “The Art of Chieftaincy in the Writings of Pashtun Tribal Rulers” (M)
- Rzehak, “Doing Pashto: Pashtunwali as the Ideal of Honourable Behavior” (M)
- **Text in Focus:** Al-Farabi, *On the Perfect State*, Chapter 15 (M) – commentary is optional.
- **Recommended:** Muzaffar Alam, *The Languages of Political Islam in India*

FINAL Draft of the Journal-Portfolio is Due (MAR 26). [You will read an Excerpt from it today.]

VISION(S) & IDEALS OF GOD’S ECONOMY & ETHICAL ECONOMY

WEEK 11 (Apr 2): Foundations

Readings:

- **WATCH:** “Existential Threats of Progress” – interview with Abdul Hakim Murad
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_8UcjFLeGI
- Abdul Hakim Murad, “Zakat in Postmodern Economy” <https://nzf.org.uk/news/zakat-in-a-post-modern-economy-by-shaykh-abdal-hakim-murad/>
- *The Qur’an and the Just Society*, Chapters 8 & 9 (E)
- Colin Turner, “Wealth as Immortality Symbol in the Qur’an” (M)
- Michael Bonner, “Poverty and Economics in the Qur’an” (M)
- Al-Jarsifi on Hisba (tr. Wickens, M)
- **Text in Focus:** El-Ashker and Wilson, *Islamic Economics: A Short History*, Ch.6 (M)

BY APRIL 1 you would have proposed, consulted, and finalized your VENTURE.

WEEK 12 (Apr 9): Guilds, Work and Business Ethics

Readings:

- “A Manual on Turkish Guilds” (M)
- Yusuf Ibish, “A Sketch of the Guilds of Damascus in the 19th Century” (M)
- Seyyed Hossein Nasr, “Islamic Work Ethics” (M)
- Imad ad-dean Ahmad, “Islam, Commerce and Business Ethics” (M)
- **WATCH:** Ingrid Mattson - "Do Virtue Ethics Facilitate or Hinder Economic Justice?"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ln4t00phclY>
- *Islam in Transition*, 100-113, 128-132

WEEK 13 (Apr 16): Contemporary Islamic Thought on “Islamic Economy”

Readings:

- Salah El-Sheikh, “Islamic Economics and Finance, Then and Now” (M)
- “MUHAMMAD BAQIR AL-SADR 1934–1980” in *Princeton Readings in Islamist Thought* (E)

- **Text in Focus:** Waleed al-Ansary, “The Need for a New Economic Paradigm” (M)
- **WATCH:** "What is Real Islamic Economics?" Dr. Waleed El-Ansary
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3444HKSPHk>
- **WATCH:** “Tackling the Misconceptions Around Islamic Finance”
<https://video-alexanderstreet-com.proxy048.nclive.org/watch/tackling-the-misconceptions-around-islamic-finance>
- **Text in Focus:** *Islam in Transition*, 228-259.
- **Recommended:** Michael Bonner, “Poverty, Surplus and the Circulation of Wealth” (M)

WEEK 14 (Apr 23): REVISITING, REVIEWING & SYNTHESIZING OUR STUDY

HOMEWORK:

1. **THEYSAY, I SAY!** They have spoken...it is your turn now! *Everyone will come in with a 100-word concluding statement* on our study. Please choose to make a statement on what mattered most to you in this study.
2. Be ready to give a *very brief overview* (three main points maybe?) of the text but make a substantial comment on how your text speaks to/interacts/informs our study. What is its significance for our study?

READINGS: [All texts are *Primary Text(s)* today]

PART I: Concluding Conversation on Economics

- Harvey Cox, “The Market as God” (*The Atlantic*, O) – **Connor**
- *What Money Can't Buy*, Introduction (M) – **Harry**
- Schumacher, *Small is Beautiful* (M) - excerpts. – **Brooke**

PART II –Concluding Our Study

- *Political Theology and Islam* “Conclusion” – **Everyone**
- Rene Guenon, *Spiritual Authority and Temporal Power*, Chapters 1-4 (M) – **John**
- Seyyed Hossein Nasr, “What is Traditional Islam?” (M) – **Everyone**
- **A Primary Text(s) Among Primary Texts:** Late Prof. Ejaz Akram, “The Muslim World and Globalization” in *Islam, Fundamentalism and the Betrayal of Tradition*, Ch. 8 (O) – **Charlie**
- Ibn Arabi (Chittick tr.), “The Myth of the Origin of Religion and Law” (M) – **Sarah**
- **Recommended [skim fast to see what the argument is]:** Hamid Dabashi, “Can non-Europeans Think?” <https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2013/1/15/can-non-europeans-think>

WEEK 15 (Apr 30): NO CLASS TODAY!

APRIL 30 (By midnight): YOUR VENTURE OF CHOICE IS DUE.

CUMMULATIVE FINAL REVIEW DURING THE EXAM WEEK