

ASH 3931: Migrants and Refugees in the Middle East
Period 5: MWF 11:45-12:35
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Description and Goals

Migration, both voluntary and forced, has long shaped the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), with many countries simultaneously being points of origin, transit and destination. Different factors affected the migration dynamics in the region: economic and demographic trends, political and ethnic conflicts, climate change, among others. This inter-disciplinary course traces the history of migration and displacement in, through, and from MENA since the late 19th century by focusing on the major migratory movements that shaped the region. It covers each movement by placing it within its international and regional contexts and analyzing its (1) various root causes, (2) the legal and institutional frameworks that evolved around it, and (3) the economic and political implications on the migrant community, host and sending countries, and the region overall.

Some of the migration and refugees cases covered are: French colonial settlement in Algeria, European and Syrian migration to Egypt in the 19th century, early Lebanese and Syrian migration to the Americas, Muslim and Christian forced displacement at the end of the Ottoman period, Jewish migration to the region, Palestinian refugees, Arab labor migration to the Gulf states, migration to Europe from and through North Africa, and the recent Syrian, Yemeni and Iraqi refugee crises.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will have gained in-depth understanding of the different migratory and refugee movements throughout the modern history of the Middle East and strong analytical tools to approach other migratory movements in or outside the region.

Main Sources

There is one required book for this class and two recommended for general background on the Middle East. Most required readings, and recommended ones, come from academic journal articles and institutional publications. These will be posted on the class canvas page.

Required book: Dawn Chatty, *Displacement and Dispossession in the Modern Middle East* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010).

Recommended for basic contextual background (both on reserve at library West)

- William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*. 4th Edition. (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2009).

- Roger Owen and Sevket Pamuk, *A History of Middle East Economies in the Twentieth Century* (Harvard University Press, 1999).

Lectures Format

The background and overview of the topic of each week will be covered by lecturing. In-depth analysis of reading assignments will be covered by in-class discussions with students.

Requirements & Grade Distribution

Class participation: Students are expected to attend and participate in discussions by asking and posting questions (on class online-board) and providing answers/arguments. Grade 30%.

Take-home exams: Two take-home exams will be assigned. Each will be given on a Friday and due the following Monday. First exam after week 5, second test after week 9. (20% each) Total 40%

Final paper (15 pages) 30%

I reserve the right to give drop quizzes to make sure students are keeping up with the reading assignments.

Course Outline and Reading Material

This reading list is subject to change based on students' interests and needs and the class dynamics.

(*Starred readings are required. The rest are optional/recommended.)

Week 1. Introduction: Analytical Framework of Migration Studies and Middle East Background

* Brettell, Caroline B. and James F. Hollifield. "Introduction," *Migration Theory: Talking Across Disciplines*, ed. Caroline B. Brettell and James F. Hollifield (New York: Routledge, 2015): 1-26.

* Dawn Chatty, *Displacement and Dispossession in the Modern Middle East* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), Ch. 2, pp. 38-65.

Week 2-3. Colonial Settlers and Economic Immigrants

* William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*. 4th Edition. (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2009), ch. 9.

* Halvorsen, Kjell H. "Colonial Transformation of Agrarian Society in Algeria," *Journal of Peace Research* 15, 4 (1978): 323-343.

* Tignor, Robert. "The Economic Activities of Foreigners in Egypt, 1920-1950: From Millet to Haute Bourgeoisie," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 22, 3 (Jul., 1980): 416-449.

* Philipp, Thomas. *The Syrians in Egypt, 1725-1975* (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag Wiesbaden GMBH, 1985), ch. 3&5.

Maurice Deeb. "The Socioeconomic Role of the Local Foreign Minorities in Modern Egypt, 1805-1961," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 9, 1 (January 1978): 11-22.

Venturini, Maïa. "Vineyards of Colonial Algeria: A History of French or Algerian Wine?" *Jadaliyya*, October 2013.

Week 4. Forced Migration and Displacement at the End of Ottoman Empire

* Dawn Chatty, *Displacement and Dispossession in the Modern Middle East*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), ch. 3 & 4.

Week 5. Lebanese and Syrian Migration to the U.S.

* Khater, Akram Fouad. *Inventing Home: Emigration, Gender, and the Middle Class in Lebanon, 1870-1920* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001), ch. 2, pp. 19-31 & 38-42; ch. 3 pp. 48-63; ch. 4 pp. 71-79.

- Charles Issawi, “The Historical Background of Lebanese Emigration, 1800-1914,” in *The Lebanese in the World*, ed. Hourani & Shehadi (London: The Centre for Lebanese Studies in association with I.B. Tauris, 1992), 13-31.

Akarli, Engin Deniz. “Ottoman Attitudes Towards Lebanese Emigration, 1885-1910,” in *The Lebanese in the World*, ed. Hourani & Shehadi (London: The Centre for Lebanese Studies in association with I.B. Tauris, 1992), 109-138.

Kemal H. Karpat. “The Ottoman Emigration to America, 1860-1914,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 17, 2 (May, 1985): 175- 209.

Weeks 6-7. Jewish Migration to Ottoman Palestine

* William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*. 4th Edition. (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2009), ch. 13.

* Shilo, Margalit. “The Immigration Policy of the Zionist Institutions 1882-1914,” *Middle Eastern Studies* 30, 3 (Jul., 1994), pp. 597-617

* Neville J. Mandel. “Ottoman Policy and Restrictions on Jewish Settlement in Palestine: 1881-1908,” *Middle Eastern Studies* 10, 3 (Oct., 1974), pp. 312-332

* Neville J. Mandel. “Ottoman Practice as Regards Jewish Settlement in Palestine: 1881-1908,” *Middle Eastern Studies* 11, 1 (Jan., 1975), pp. 33-46

* Dvora Hacoheh. “British Immigration Policy to Palestine in the 1930s: Implications for Youth Aliyah,” *Middle Eastern Studies* 37, 4 (Oct., 2001), pp. 206-218.

* Ruth Kark “Jewish Frontier Settlement in The Negev, 1880-1948: Perception and Realization,” *Middle Eastern Studies* 17, 3 (Jul., 1981), pp. 334-356

Week 8. Palestinian Refugees

* Dawn Chatty, *Displacement and Dispossession in the Modern Middle East*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), ch. 5.

* Shiblak A. “Residency Status and Civil Rights of Palestinian Refugees in Arab Countries,” *Journal of Palestine Studies* 25 (1996): 36-45.

* Riccardo Bocco. “UNRWA and the Palestinian Refugees: A History within History,” *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 28, 2 & 3 (2009): 229-252.

* Knudsen, Are. “Widening the Protection Gap: The ‘Politics of Citizenship’ for Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon, 1948–2008,” *Journal of Refugee Studies* 22, 1 (2009): 51-73.

Al Husseini J and Bocco R. "The Status of the Palestinian Refugees in the Near East: The right of return and UNRWA in perspective," *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 28 (2010): 260-285.

George Sadek. "Legal Status of Refugees: Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq," *The Law Library of Congress* (December, 2013), 1-6.

Week 9-10. Migration to the Gulf (Impact of Oil)

* William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton, *A History of the Modern Middle East*. 4th Edition. (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2009), ch. 21.

* Alan Richards and Philip L. Martin. "The Laissez-Faire Approach to International Labor Migration: The Case of the Arab Middle East," *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 31, 3 (Apr., 1983): 455-474.

* Philippe Fargues. "Immigration without Inclusion: Non-Nationals in Nation-Building in the Gulf States," *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal* 20, 3-4 (2011): 273-292.

* Nicholas Van Hear, "The Impact of the Involuntary Mass 'Return' to Jordan in the Wake of the Gulf Crisis," *International Migration Review*, 29 (1995): 352-74.

* Human Rights Watch. *Building Towers, Cheating Workers: Exploitation of Migrant Construction Workers in the United Arab Emirates* (New York, November 2006), ch. 1, 3-5.

Nagy, Sharon. "Making Room for Migrants, Making Sense of Difference: Spatial and Ideological Expressions of Social Diversity in Urban Qatar," *Urban Studies* 43, 1 (January 2006): 119-137.

Week 11. North African Migration to Europe

* MacMaster, Neil. *Colonial Migrants and Racism: Algerians in France, 1900-62*. (London: Macmillan Pres Ltd., 1997), ch. 1-3, 8.

* Gubert, Flore and Christophe J. Nordman. "Migration from MENA to OECD Countries: Trends, Determinants, and Prospects," *Shaping the Future: A Long-Term Perspective of People and Job Mobility for the Middle East and North Africa*. Background Papers. World Bank, 2008.

* Baldwin-Edwards, Martin. "'Between a Rock & a Hard Place': North Africa as a Region of Emigration, Immigration & Transit Migration," *Review of African Political Economy* 33, 108 (Jun., 2006): 311-324.

Schramm, Christophe. "Migration from Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia Synthesis of Three Case Studies," *Shaping the Future A Long-Term Perspective of People and Job Mobility for the Middle East and North Africa* Background Papers. World Bank, 2008.

Migration from the Middle East and North Africa to Europe Past Developments, Current Status and Future Potentials, ed. Michael Bommers, Heinz Fassmann & Wiebke Sievers. IMISCOE Research Amsterdam University Press, 2014.

Hein de Haas. "Morocco's Migration Experience: A Transitional Perspective," *International Migration* 45, 4 (2007): 39-68.

Week 12. Migration & Development, Brain Drain & Remittances

* Adams, Richard H. "Migration, Remittances and Development: The Critical Nexus in the Middle East and North Africa." *United Nations Expert Group Meeting on International Migration and Development in the Arab Region*, Beirut 2006.

* Hein de Haas and Roald Plug "Cherishing the Goose with the Golden Eggs: Trends in Migrant Remittances from Europe to Morocco 1970-2004," *The International Migration Review* 40, 3 (Fall, 2006): 603-634.

* Nazih Ayubi. "The Egyptian "Brain Drain": A Multidimensional Problem," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 15, 4 (Nov., 1983): 431- 450.

Reginald T. Appleyard. "Migration and Development: Myths and Reality," *The International Migration Review* 23, 3 (Autumn, 1989): 486-499.

Hossein G. Askari and John Thomas Cummings. "The Middle East and the United States: A Problem of "Brain Drain"," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 8, 1 (January 1977): 65-90.

Çağlar Özden. "Brain Drain in Middle East and North Africa – The Patterns under the Surface," *United Nations expert group meeting on international migration and Development in the Arab region*, Beirut, 2006.

Wahba J. (2007) "Returns to overseas work experience: The case of Egypt," in *International Migration, Economic Development and Policy*, ed. C. Özden and Schiff M (Washington: The World Bank, 2007): 235–258.

Week 13-16. Refugees Crises: Syria, Iraq & Yemen

* De Chatel, Francesca. (2014) "The Role of Drought and Climate Change in the Syrian Uprising: Untangling the Triggers of the Revolution," *Middle Eastern Studies* 50, 4 (2014): 521-535.

* Kagan M. "We live in a country of UNHCR," *The UN Surrogate State and Refugee Policy in the Middle East*. Research Paper No. 201. UNHCR New Issues in Refugee Research: Geneva: UNHCR, 2011.

* World Bank and UNHCR report. *The Welfare of Syrian Refugees: Evidence from Jordan and Lebanon*. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 2016. Ch. 1 & 4.

* Aiyar, Shekhar et al. *The Refugee Surge in Europe: Economic Challenges*. IMF, (January 2016).

* Sassoon, Joseph. *The Iraqi Refugees: The New Crisis in the Middle East* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2009), ch.1.

* Lopour, Jacqueline. "Spotlight on Yemen's Forgotten War and Humanitarian Disaster: Preventing the Next Syrian Refugee Crisis," *Centre for International Governance Innovation*, 2016.

Betts, Alexander, Gil Loescher and James Miliner. *The United Nations High Commission for Refugees: The Politics and Practice of Refugee Protection into the 21st Century* (New York: Routledge, 2nd ed., 2012).

Some useful references

- United Nations Higher Commission on Refugees (UNHCR) www.unhcr.org
- Migration Policy Institute www.migratorypolicy.org
- International Organization for Migration: www.iom.int
- Economic Research Forum, www.erf.org
- World Development Reports: www.worldbank.org
- Arab Social Science Research: www.assr.org
- Middle East Report: www.merip.org