

INLS 890-030: Readings on Library and Information Science in the Middle East and North Africa

Spring 2014

Thursday 12:00-1:00pm

Manning 303

Instructor of record: Barbara Moran

The purpose of this course is to expose students to some of the issues and trends in information and library science (ILS) in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). From the great library at Alexandria, Dar al-Hikma and the Nizamiyya in Baghdad, ancient universities in Cairo and Fez to modern universities, museums, and libraries, the MENA region is home to some of the most important cultural institutions in the world. Students will read and discuss current literature on a variety of topics relevant to the ILS in the region. Guest speakers will lend an on-the-ground perspective to help explore the historical, cultural and geopolitical context of MENA. The course aims to broaden the perspective of students and help them to develop cultural competency related to this vibrant and dynamic are of the world.

Readings not available through UNC's proxies will be made available [here](#).

It might be useful to consult Brill's [Encyclopedia of Islam, 2nd Ed](#) for references to vocabulary in works on Islamic studies.

In addition to the class readings, the class will continue to work collectively on the editing of the book that has been accepted for IFLA. In addition, by the end of semester, each fellow will have completed his or her manuscript for inclusion in the book.

Thursday, 9 January 2014

Introduction and discuss schedule

News items that might be of interest:

Egypt in 2013:

Galey, P. (2013, December 31). Egypt: 2013 in review. *PatrickGaley.com*. Retrieved January 7, 2014 from <http://patrickgaley.com/2013/12/31/egypt-2013-in-review/>.

A review of the collections at Dar al-Kutub, Cairo, by a PhD candidate at the University of Michigan:

Gardiner, N. (2014, January 6). Dar al-Kutub manuscripts collection, Cairo. *DissertationReviews.org*. Retrieved January 7, 2014 from <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/7355>.

Library arson in Lebanon:

Elgot, J. (2014, January 5). Lebanon Library Torched, 78,000 Books Burned By Islamists. *The Huffington Post UK*. Retrieved January 7, 2014 from http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2014/01/05/tripoli-library-burned_n_4543928.html.

Jaoude, R. A. & Amrieh, A. (2014, January 6). Bookstore owner priest forgives arsonists in Tripoli. *DailyStar.com.lb*. Retrieved January 7, 2014 from <http://dailystar.com.lb/News/Lebanon-News/2014/Jan-06/243216-bookstore-owner-priest-forgives-arsonists-in-tripoli.ashx#ixzz2phC95PHN>.

Thursday, 16 January 2014

Topic: Planning and choosing literature

Thursday, 23 January 2014

ALISE. No class

Thursday, 30 January 2014

Topic: Makdisi, G. (1981). *The rise of colleges : institutions of learning in Islam and the West*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press

Presenter:

Readings: Chapter 1

Thursday, 6 February 2014

Topic: Makdisi, G. (1981). *The rise of colleges : institutions of learning in Islam and the West*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press

Presenter:

Readings: Chapter 2

Thursday, 13 February 2014

Snow day. No class.

Thursday, 20 February 2014

Topic: Makdisi, G. (1981). *The rise of colleges : institutions of learning in Islam and the West*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press

Presenter:

Readings: *The Rise of Colleges* Chapter 3

Thursday, 27 February 2014

Topic: Makdisi, G. (1981). *The rise of colleges : institutions of learning in Islam and the West*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press

Presenter:

Readings: *The Rise of Colleges* Chapter 4 and Conclusion

Thursday, 6 March 2014

Topic: Lockman, Z. (2010). *Contending visions of the Middle East : the history and politics of Orientalism* (2nd ed.). Cambridge, UK; New York: Cambridge University Press

Presenter:

Readings: Intro & Chapter 1

Thursday, 13 March 2014

Spring break. No class

Tuesday, 20 March 2014

Topic: Lockman, Z. (2010). *Contending visions of the Middle East : the history and politics of Orientalism* (2nd ed.). Cambridge, UK; New York: Cambridge University Press

Presenter:

Readings: Chapters 2 & 3

Thursday, 27 March 2014

Topic: Lockman, Z. (2010). *Contending visions of the Middle East : the history and politics of Orientalism* (2nd ed.). Cambridge, UK; New York: Cambridge University Press

Presenter:

Readings: Chapters 4 and 5

Thursday, 3 April 2014

Topic: Lockman, Z. (2010). *Contending visions of the Middle East : the history and politics of Orientalism* (2nd ed.). Cambridge, UK; New York: Cambridge University Press

Presenter:

Readings: Chapters 6, 7, and Afterward

Thursday, 10 April 2014

Topic: Work on Editing IFLA Book

Presenter:

Readings:

Thursday, 17 April 2014

Topic: Work on Editing IFLA Book

Presenter:

Readings:

Thursday, 24 April 2014

Topic: No class today--work individually on IFLA presentation

Presenter:

Readings:

Other Suggested Readings

Reif, C. (2002). [The Cairo Genizah: A Medieval Mediterranean Deposit and a Modern Cambridge Archive](#). *Libraries and Culture*, 3 (2),123-131

Geoffrey Khan (1994) [An Arabic Document of Acknowledgement from the Cairo Genizah](#)

Journal of Near Eastern Studies , Vol. 53, (2). 117-124.

and if you really have some time on your hands:

Ghosh, A. (1992). *In an antique land*. London: Granta Books in association with Penguin Books

Abboud, R. (2013). [National digital content policies A comparative study of Arab and other countries](#).
IFLA Journal, 39(4), 294-310.

Suggested readings:

Sociology of Islam (journal), Brill

<http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com.libproxy.lib.unc.edu/content/journals/22131418>

Some poetry:

Eliot, T. S. (1934). Choruses from "The Rock." <http://www.tech-samaritan.org/blog/2010/06/16/choruses-from-the-rock-t-s-eliot/>

Non-fiction:

Grewal, Z. (2013). *Islam as a foreign country: American Muslims and the Global Crisis of Authority* (Nation of Newcomers: Immigrant History As American History). New York, New York: NYU Press
[\[Amazon\]](#)[\[UNCLib\]](#)

Fiction:

Tawfiq, A. (2006). *Abu Musa's women neighbors : a historical novel from Morocco*. Sausalito, Calif.: Post-Apollo Press.

[Amazon](#)