**History of Colonialism and Nationalism in the Middle East and South Asia**  
*Spring 2010 Professional Development Course*

Co-sponsored by the Middle East Institute and the South Asia Institute at Columbia University

Location: Knox Hall, Room 207, Columbia University, 606 West 122nd Street  
Time: Thursdays, 5:30pm – 7:30pm  
Dates: February 4, 2010 through May 27, 2010

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“History of Colonialism and Nationalism in the Middle East and South Asia” is an introductory level college level course organized primarily for 9-12 High School teachers. Participants must be K-12 teachers or College-level instructors in public or private schools in the NY metropolitan area. It has been organized to address topics in the New York State Global Studies curriculum. Faculty from Columbia, CUNY, and other schools will present weekly lectures and discussion sessions. Materials for the course will be provided free of charge, and will include the distribution of materials for use in class. Topics to be covered in the course include: an introduction to the modern history of the Middle East and South Asia; the Ottoman and Mughal Empires and their dissolution; the British East India Company; the British Raj; the Partition of India; India and Pakistan since Independence; the problem of Caste in India; the emergence of a modern state in Turkey; the experience of colonialism and imperialism in Egypt and Iran; Nasser’s 1952 revolution; the Islamic Revolution of 1979; Islamist movements in Egypt, Iran, and Turkey; Gender issues in the 19th-21st centuries in the Middle East; the role of missionaries and minority groups in the colonial period and in nationalist movements; and the socio-political evolution of Israel and Palestine from the 19th century to the present. Pedagogy sessions will focus on strategies for teaching about Colonialism, Nationalism, the Middle East, and South Asia.

Required Texts (provided to registrants at no charge):


Class 1: Thursday, February 4
Topic: Strategies for Teaching about Colonialism and Nationalism
Speaker: Jean-Marc R. Oppenheim
Adjunct Associate Professor
Teacher’s College, Columbia University

Class 2: Thursday, February 11
Topic: The Ottoman Empire and Turkey
Speaker: David C. Cuthell
Adjunct Associate Professor
School of International Affairs, Columbia University

Overview of Ottoman Empire; Political reforms and economic imperialism in the 19th century; Ottoman Empire and relations with Europe and the Middle East; Young Turks; Collapse of Ottoman Empire; Armenian Massacre; Ataturk: secularism, nationalism, and modernization (1920-1950); Evolution of Turkish state; militarism, democracy, and Islamism; Kurdish minority


Class 3: Thursday, February 18
Topic: The Mughal Empire and European incursions into South Asia
Speaker: Abhishek Kaicker
Doctoral candidate
History Department, Columbia University.

An overview of South Asia and its history in the early modern period, and of the Mughal Empire; Muslim and Hindu relations; Decline of the Mughal Empire; Maratha and Afghan challenges; Rise of the British East India Company.

Readings:


Class 4: Thursday, February 25
Topic: The Company State in South Asia, 1757 - 1857
Speaker: Janaki Bakhle,
Associate Professor, History Department, Columbia University;
Director, South Asia Institute

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The British East India Company; British colonial conquest and expansion; Land reform and social reform; Responses to the early colonial state; Sepoy Mutiny; Colonial forms of knowledge and power.


**Class 5: Thursday, March 4**

Topic: The British Raj (1857 – 1914)

Speaker: David Lelyveld  
Professor, Department of History  
William Paterson University

Changes in government and administration; Emergence of a nationalist critique of colonial rule; *Swadeshi* movement; Government responses to critique and forms of protest.

Readings:


**Class 6: Thursday, March 11**

Topic: Survey of the Modern History of Egypt

Speaker: Jean-Marc R. Oppenheim  
Adjunct Associate Professor  
Teacher’s College, Columbia University

Imperialism, nationalist frustration, and modernization from the creation of the Suez canal to the end of World War II; Nasser and the 1952 revolution and the gamble for regional hegemony; suppression of the Muslim Brotherhood; The search for national revival and the Islamist challenge, 1973 – present


**Class 7: Thursday, March 18**

Topic: Minorities and Missionaries

Speaker: Jean-Marc R. Oppenheim
Adjunct Associate Professor  
Teacher’s College, Columbia University

Religion, identity, and imperialism in the 19th century; “Missionary Enterprise” and nationalism; Nationalist awakening and ethnic minorities in the 20th century; Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as 21st century missionaries; Islamist revival, religious Zionism, and ethnic minorities.

Readings (selections):


**Class 8: Thursday, March 25**

**Topic:** Survey of the Modern History of Iran

**Speaker:** Richard Bulliet  
Professor, History Department, Columbia University

Imperialism, economic interests, and religious reaction from 1850s to 1918; Iranian nationalism and domestic reforms, 1920 – 1970; Reza Khan; Constitutional Revolution of 1905; Islamic Revolution of 1979; 2009 Elections: an unfinished revolution


**Class 9: Thursday, April 8**

**Topic:** The Road to Partition in South Asia, 1914-1947

**Speaker:** Gajendran Ayyathuai  
Doctoral Student, Anthropology Department, Columbia University

Anti-colonial and nationalist movement under Mohandas Gandhi; Salt March and civil disobedience; Amritsar massacre; Alternate visions: anti-caste movements, Communists, Hindu Mahasabha, Muslim League; Partition and independence and aftermath; Hindu-Muslim relations

Readings:


Class 10: Thursday, April 15  
Topic: The Palestine – Israel Divide  
Speaker: Naomi Weinberger, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University

Imperialism and the development of two nationalist narratives (lat 19th – early 20th c.); Socio-political evolution of separate identities between the wars; Regional dynamics and their impact on the two peoples, 1938 through Cold War; National politics and religion.


Class 11: Thursday, April 22  
Topic: Gender, Caste, and Religion  
Speaker: Anupama Rao, Associate Professor, History Department, Barnard College

Introduction to Caste in India; Modern Dalit (“Untouchable”) Movements; Hindu Nationalism and Dalit conversion; Gender issues and Caste.


Class 12: Thursday, April 29  
Topic: Women and Gender in the Middle East  
Speaker: Sara Reguer  
Professor and Chair, Department of Judaic Studies, Brooklyn College

Challenges to tradition in the 19th century; Nationalism and the evolution of the feminist discourse, 1914-1945; Role of Gender in the post-colonial state; Religious revival and gender.

Readings (selections):  

Class 13: Thursday, May 6  
Topic: India after independence (1947 – present)  
Speaker: Thomas Blom Hansen,  
Professor, Anthropology Department, University of Amsterdam; Visiting Professor, Columbia University

Nehru and the Congress Party; Hindu Nationalism; Babri Mosque; Kashmir and Pakistan; Muslim and Dalit minorities

Readings:


**Class 14: Thursday, May 13**

**Topic:** Pakistan after independence (1947 – present)

**Speaker:** Nauman Naqvi
Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow
Connecticut College

Ethnic groups in Pakistan; Emergence of Bangladesh; Afghanistan and Kashmir; Pakistan and India; Military and civil society

**Readings (selections):**