



Department of Political Science and International Relations

POLS 523 Political Islam

Spring 2016

I. Course Description:

The central objective of this course is to make students familiar with the major issue of the relations between Islam and Politics. Students will learn the basic of Islamic political thought, its evolution during the centuries but with a special focus on the contemporary. An important part of the course will be dedicated to Islamism and its methodology.

II. Basic Course Information

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III. Evaluations

Participation and discussion	30%
Paper	70%

Paper: you are required to write a paper of **6000** words answering to one of the following questions.

1. What is the factor that shapes Islamic political thought: ideology or context?
2. What are the reasons that brought to the emergence of Islamism in the Muslim world?
3. What are the mean characteristics of Turkish Islamism and what distinguish it from Islamism in Arab contexts?
4. Has Islamism failed?

The paper should follow the manuscript preparation guidelines of the International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies (<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/international-journal-of-middle-east-studies/information/submissions-guidelines>). The deadlines must be respected; **no assignment will be accepted after the deadline.**

Choice of the Topic	Bibliography and scheme	Draft Paper	Final Paper
1 November	20 November	20 December	2 January
	15%	15%	70%

IV. Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Readings
1	Medieval Islamic Political Thought	Patricia Crone, <i>Medieval Islamic Political Thought</i> (Edinburgh University Press: Edinburgh, 2004), p. 259-392.
2	Ibn Taymiyya	Franz Rosenthal, <i>Political Thought in Medieval Islam: an Introduction Outline</i> (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 1958), p. 51-61.
3	Mirror for Princes	Antony Black, <i>The History of Islamic Political Thought</i> (Edinburgh University Press: Edinburgh, 2011), Ch. 10 and Nizam al-Mulk, <i>The siyosatname</i>
4	Ottoman Political Thought	Marinos Sariyannis, <i>Ottoman Political Thought up to the Tanzimat: A Concise History</i> (Foundation for Research and

		Technology-Hellas-Institute for Mediterranean Studies: Rethymno, 2015).
5	The Emergence of Islamism	Peter Mandaville, <i>Global Political Islam</i> (Routledge: London-New York, 2007), 49-197.
6	Mawdudi	Seyyed Vali Reza Nasr, "Mawdudi and the Jama'at Islami: The Origins, Theory and Practice of Islamic Revivalism" in Ali Rahnema, <i>Pioneers of Islamic Revival</i> (Zed Books: London, 1994)
7	Sayyid Qutb	Charles Tripp, "Sayyid Qutb: the Political Vision" in Rahnema, <i>Pioneers of Islamic Revival</i>
8	Ali Shariati	Ali Rahnema, "Ali Shariati: Teacher, Preacher, Rebel" in Rahnema, <i>Pioneers of Islamic Revival</i>
9	Turkish Islamism	Guida, Michelangelo. "Founders of Islamism in Republican Turkey: Kısakürek and Topçu." In <i>Intellectuals and Civil Society in the Middle East: Liberalism, Modernity and Political Discourse</i> , edited by Mohammed Bamyeh, 111-32. London-New York: I.B. Tauris, 2012. ———. "The New Islamists' Understanding of Democracy in Turkey: The Examples of Ali Bulaç and Hayreddin Karaman." <i>Turkish Studies</i> 11, no. 3 (2010): 347-70.
10	The Impossible State	Wael B. Hallaq, <i>The Impossible State</i> (Columbia University Press: New York, 2013).