

LIST II, HT, SS

HIU34568. Rebels and Reformers: The Modern Middle East in Upheaval (Ramazan Hakkı Öztan)

Assessment: Essay 1 40% /Essay 2 60%



Revolutions have deeply shaped the world as we know it today. This module shows how and why by focusing on the modern Middle East, where revolutions were as central to the making of the region as elsewhere. We will start the course by situating the Ottoman Empire within the context of the Atlantic revolutions and the revolutions of 1848, which will be followed by discussions of the constitutionalist revolutionaries who were active from the Balkans to the Arab Middle East throughout the fin de siècle. After introducing the way in which the Wilsonian moment unfolded in the Middle East and the origins of the region's socialist movements, the module will then explore the process of revolutionary decolonization and the context of the Long Sixties. These discussions will provide the crucial background to evaluate the coming of the Iranian Revolution in 1979 and the Arab Spring. By closely studying revolutionary movements and their outcomes in various countries, students will not only gain a deeper understanding of the history of the modern Middle East, but also begin to situate the region within its due global historical context.