A History of Military Occupation in the Middle East and Central Asia
University of West Georgia (Independent Study)

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U.S. Marines and Iraqis toppling a statue of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad, April 9, 2003

Course Description:
This independent study analyzes the theory and practice of military occupation in the Middle East and Central Asia from Napoleon in Egypt through the US invasion and occupation of Iraq. This course will consider the political, legal, and military aspects of occupation through comparative examination of a series of case studies. “Occupation” will be used a conceptual category to examine diverse phenomena in nineteenth and twenty-century international history including the expansion and collapse of modern empires and the rise of national states. It will consider the role of international law in imperial expansion, changes in the definition of sovereignty, as well as the transformative uses of military occupation in engineering the modern state. In addition to participation, students are required to write a term paper based upon original research of primary materials.
Course Requirements

Research Paper:
Students will produce an original research paper (10-12 pages). All research projects should be decided upon early in the semester and in consultation with the instructor. An outline of the research paper including a list of primary and secondary sources is due March 13. The Final paper is due April 29th.

Assessment
Class participation 25%
Research paper 75%

Recommended
Readings will be available on CourseDen and on reserve at the library.

Weekly Syllabus:

Jan. 16 - Introduction: The Uses and Varieties of Occupation
Discussion on CourseDen

Jan. 23 – Napoleon in Egypt

Donald Malcolm Reid, *Whose Pharaohs? Archeology, Museums, and Egyptian National Identity from Napoleon to World War I*, chap. 1


Jan. 30 – Central Asia between Russia and the Ching Empires
David Brophy, *Uyghur Nation: Reform and Revolution on the Russia-China Frontier*, intro., chaps. 1-5, conclusion


Feb. 13 - The Ottoman Empire, International Law and “Effective Occupation”

Ussama Makdisi, Ottoman Orientalism,” *The American Historical Review*, 107, 3(June 2002): 768-796

**Recommended:**

Carl Schmitt, “The Last Pan-European Land-Appropriation (The Congo Conference of 1885)” in The Nomos of the Earth


**Feb. 20 – Iran between Russia and Britain**
Abbas Amanat, *Iran: A Modern History*, intro., chap. 4-8

**Feb. 27 – Interwar Variations: Central Asia under the Soviets**
http://eds.a.ebscohost.com/eds/detail/detail?vid=3&sid=624ced76-6421-43f0-b2af-2396652656af%40sessionmgr4009&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWRzLWxpdmUmc2NvcGU9c2l0ZQ%3d%3d#AN=881682&db=nlebk

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http://articles.westga.edu:2071/eds/detail/detail?vid=5&sid=3fca5e1-82fc-433e-8cc5-fef576d83261%40sessionmgr101&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWRzLWxpdmUmc2NvcGU9c2l0ZQ%3d%3d#AN=829384&db=nlebk

**March 13 - Interwar Variations: Afghanistan after Occupation**
Faiz Ahmed, *Afghanistan Rising* - (available at the library)

**March 18-22 Spring Break**

**March 27 - 1967 and the Occupied Territories**
Neve Gordon, *Israel’s Occupation*, chap. 1-2; 5

U.N. Security Council Resolution 242

FILM: Ra’an an Alexandrowicz, Shilton Ha’Chok [The Law in These Parts] (2011)

April 10 – The Soviet Invasion and Occupation of Afghanistan
Timothy Nunan, Humanitarian Invasion: Global Development in Cold War Afghanistan, selection

Robert Crews, Afghan Modern: The History of a Global Nation, chap. 7 “Revolutionary Dreams” (e-book – available at the library)
http://eds.b.ebscohost.com/eds/detail/detail?vid=1&sid=da2cc34f-a995-4a56-8ff1-85b3531514ae%40pdc-v-sessmgr03&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWRzLWxpdmUmc2NvcGU9c2l0ZQ%3d%3d#AN=1086462&db=nlebk

Mahmood Mamdani, Good Muslim, Bad Muslim, chap. 3

April 24 - America in Iraq
Ahmed Saadawi, Frankenstein in Baghdad (novel)


Recommended: