

HTST 493.01

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Office Hours: Effective from September 16 to December 9 2009, every Wednesday btw 12.00-14.00.

HTST 493.01 Ottoman Empire, 1300-1700
(September 7- December 11 2009 M/W/F 10.00-10.50 SS 113)

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Education Block Food Court (alternate), for further details please visit
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Course Description: This is an undergraduate course which aims to demonstrate the early political structure, formative years and classical imperial legacy of the Ottoman Empire. It specifically endeavors to introduce socio-political, economic and regional dynamics through which early Ottoman state structure was shaped. In addition to these, it intends to scrutinize the history of Ottoman state first as a frontier principality, then as a regional power, and finally as a territorial empire in the context of both Middle Eastern and Western political traditions comparatively. Lectures and class discussions will be based on selected texts in the bibliographical section.

Grade Assessment :

1. **Final Exam :** All participants are required to write a final. **Final exam will be a take home exam** that students will write it at home. However, you are expected to hand it in as a hard copy to the Department of History Red Box on **Friday December 4, 14.00 the latest.**
2. **Final Exam Content:** Students will be provided a list of study questions (six to ten questions) from within they will choose **two** to respond as a final take home. You will be given these questions a week before the deadline. There is no word/ page limit for final exams; suppose that you are writing an exam in your own room and free to utilize your assigned texts to be historically proper. Final will be out of 100 points and constitute the 40 % of the overall course work.

Component 1	Percentage (%)	Due Date
Final (Take-home)	40	Friday December 4, 2009

3. **Writing Assignments :**

Students are also required to write **three essays : two short papers of maximum 5 pages and a regular paper of maximum 5000 words.** (for the 5000 word limit for regular paper; this only means that you can write up to 5000 thousand words, and there is no lowest limit. Please do not ask questions about the lowest acceptable word count; try to have a meaningful discussion instead of concerning about the limit provided above. It is only a psychological-pedagogical tenet.)

Short papers: Two short papers will be based on class readings and you will be provided questions to respond. Generally speaking, you will be asked to write either a complete fictitious account of a person, i.e. a peasant, slave, warrior, emperor or empress, a statesman, etc., who spent his/her life time in the periods/geographies/polities covered in weekly lectures& readings, with your own words and perceptions. Or it can be a question to form a simple response essay. Each short paper will constitute 15 % of the overall course work and should not exceed 5 pages.

As for the **regular paper**, you are either expected to choose **one of the novels of Orhan Pamuk**, whose citation details provided in course reading section, or **form your own research question about a topic related to course outline/topics.** For the ones who chose to

write essays around Mr. Pamuk's novels, questions will be provided so that you can easily form and structure your essays. Please note that I will not accept any literary criticism/synopsis without a historical discussion if you choose the novel option; these novels should be utilized not as the pure reflections of historical reality but supplementary material to answer questions that you will be asked. You are expected to integrate the themes available in these novels to better demonstrate whatever you are asked to answer. Apart from these novels, you are also expected to utilize relevant course readings as bibliography for your essays. Please note that forming your regular paper around Mr. Pamuk's novels is optional, not a requirement.

The ones who would like to form their own research/essay questions for the regular paper must note that they are responsible to form a bibliography with a proper academic search. Only after you formed your research question and in case you need it, you will be provided assistance and guidance about essay bibliography.

Regular paper will constitute 30 % of the overall course work. Please note that both short papers and regular paper are **writing assignments** which have to be submitted promptly on the deadlines shown below. **Late and soft copy submissions will not be accepted.**

Essay format: Font: Times New Roman, 12, 1.5 space, justified, pages must be numbered, a cover page indicating your name, student ID number and essay question/ or title must also be added. Papers fail to meet these standards will be graded (-2) out of each short- paper/regular paper grade.

Grading for paper work will be as follows;

Component 2 (papers)	Percentage %	Due Date
Short Paper1	15	Wednesday, September 30 2009, 14.00 the latest
Short Paper2	15	Wednesday, October 28 2009, 14.00 the latest
Regular Paper	30	Wednesday, November 25 2009, 14.00 the latest
Paper-work in total	60 %	

In short, grading and assessment will be as follows:

Component	Percentage (%)
Final Exam (take home)	40
Short paper1	15
Short paper 2	15
Regular paper	30
Course grade	100

- 4. Reading Assignments:** If the course is to be genuinely exploratory, it is vital that everyone participates and reads widely. Students are required to read all assigned readings -whether core or recommended- before they come to the class. Recommended readings are utilized for in-debt understanding of the subjects covered in lectures, and they are important. Overall speaking, to be able to prompt for papers and successful for the final-take home, all readings have to be done on regular basis. You will be provided **all readings -except Mr. Pamuk's novels- as electronic soft copies arranged as weekly packages via Blackboard** under course documents directory. (All readings will **be uploaded to Blackboard on weekly basis after Wednesday September 9 2009**) You can also find copies of these books in University Bookstore and Second Hand/Used units. Library Reserve copies will also be arranged.

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The following scheme will be used in converting percentages to letter grades;

A+	Applicable for exceptionally well-performed students
A	92-100 %
A-	90-91 %
B+	87-89 %
B	83-86 %
B-	80-82 %
C+	77-79 %
C	73-76 %
C-	70-72 %
D+	65-69 %
D	60-64 %
F	59 % and below

6. **Communication &Contact:** Please note that I am not able to respond constantly to instant e-mails and questions after working hours, during weekends and bank holidays. Do not expect me to respond promptly to the last minute inquiries especially just before paper& take home submissions.

7. **Course Readings:**

Daniel Goffman, [**From now on Goffman**] The Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Europe, Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Karen Barkey, [**From now on Barkey**] Empire of Difference: The Ottomans in Comparative Perspective, Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Justin McCarthy, [**From now on McCarthy**] The Ottoman Turks: An Introductory History to 1923, Longman; London, New York, 1997.

Caroline Finkel, [**From now on Finkel**] Osman's Dream: The History of the Ottoman Empire, Basic Books, US, 2007.

Suraiya Faroqhi, [**from now on Faroqhi**] Approaching Ottoman History. An Introduction to the Sources, Cambridge University Press, 1999, pp.1-26. (**Both hard and electronic copies are available in MacKimmie Library, DR486.F37 1999**)

Halil Inalcik, [**From now on Inalcik**] 'State and Ideology under Sultan Süleyman I' in The Middle East and the Balkans under the Ottoman Empire: Essays on Economy and Society, Indiana University Turkish Studies and Turkish Ministry of Culture Joint Series, Vol.9, Bloomington, US, 1993, 70-94. (**No copy in the library; electronic copy will be provided**)

Colin Imber, [**from now on Imber**] The Ottoman Empire, 1300-1650; The Structure of Power, Palgrave Macmillan, London, 2002.

Virginia H. Aksan & Daniel Goffman (eds), The Early Modern Ottomans: Re-Mapping the Empire, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, New York, 2007.

Orhan Pamuk, The White Castle, Manchester: Carcanet Press 1992; United States, NY: George Braziller, 1991.

Orhan Pamuk, My Name is Red, NY:Vintage International,2002.

Weekly Reading and Lecture Schedule

Classes will be based on power-point presentations; these presentations will be posted on Blackboard under course documents and titled as "lecture presentations" at the end of each week.

WEEK 1 (7-9-11 September)

1a. Labor Day- no class

1b. General Introduction : Aims and Methods

1.c. Ottoman History: Periodization and Features of Ottoman Historiography

Goffman, 'Introduction: Ottomancentrism and the West' from The Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Europe, Cambridge University Press, 2006, pp.1-20.

Barkey "Introduction" from Empire of Difference: The Ottomans in Comparative Perspective, Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008, pp.3-27.

Recommended Reading:

Faroghi, 'Chapter 1: Introduction' pp.1-26.

WEEK 2 (14-16-18 September)

2a. Anatolia Prior to the Ottomans, 12th and 13th Centuries

McCarthy, Chapter I: Prologue; The Origins of the Turks, to 1281", pp.3-32

2b. Emergence of Ottomans and the Early Principality (Beylik) 1300-1389

Goffman, 'Fabricating the Ottoman State', pp.27-49.

Barkey, "Emergence: Brokerage Across Networks", pp.28-66.

Recommended Reading:

McCarthy, 'The First Ottomans, 1281-1446', pp.33-46.

Finkel 'First Among Equals', pp. 1-21.

2c. Weekly discussion

WEEK 3(21-23-25 September)

3a. An Early Imperial undertaking; Bayezid I and the Interregnum (1389-1413)

Finkel, 'A Dynasty Divided', pp.22-30.

McCarthy, 'Bayezit I and the Transformation of the Empire, pp.46-51.

3b. Restoring the Empire, 1413-1451; International versus Internal Political Conflict

Finkel, 31-47.

Goffman, 'Fashioning a New Civilization', pp.49-51.

McCarthy, pp.51-63.

3c. Weekly Discussion

WEEK 4 (28-30 September -2 October)

4a. The Classical Age of the Empire; Age of Conquest and Imperial Enterprise, 1451-1566 (I)

Finkel, "An Imperial Vision", pp. 48-80.

Barkey, "Becoming an Empire: Imperial Institutions and Control from Conquest to Imperial Domains", pp.67-108.

4b The Second Surge of Succession Struggle and Re-consolidation of the Empire: Bayezit II versus Cem

Finkel, pp.81-102.

4c. Weekly Discussion

WEEK 5 (5-7-9 October)

5a. Ottoman Expansion to the East: Safavid Rivalry, the Conquest of Arab Lands and the Ottoman Caliphate

Finkel, pp.102-114.

McCarthy, pp.74-87.

5b. The Imperial Apex: The World Empire of Süleyman the Magnificent (1521-1571)

McCarthy, pp.87-94.

Finkel, pp.115-151.

Goffman, pp.98-112.

5c. Weekly Discussion

WEEK 6 (12-14-16 October)

6a. No class- Thanks Giving day

6b. Ottoman De-stabilization and Time of Troubles, 1571-1610

Goffman, pp.112-127.

Finkel, pp.152-195.

6c. Weekly Discussion

WEEK 7 (19-21-23 October)

7a 7.b Ottoman Society, Economy and State, 1300-1600 (I). The Ottoman Peoples ; The Nomads, Peasants and City Dwellers

Goffmann, pp.83-92, 169-176.

Barkey, 109-153, 154-191

Mccarthy,pp.127-132.

7c. Weekly Discussion

WEEK 8 (26 -28-30 October,)

8a and 8b. Ottoman Society, Economy and State, 1300-1600 (II). Ottoman Sultan, State and Administration

Goffman, pp.59-83, 98-109.

McCarthy, pp.98-127, 159-165.

Recommended Reading:

Halil Inalcik, 'State and Ideology under Sultan Süleyman I', pp.70-94.

(electronic copy via Blackboard will be provided)

8c. Weekly Discussion

WEEK 9 (2-4-6 November)

9a and 9b Ottoman Society, Economy and State, 1300-1600 (III). Economy

McCarthy, pp.132-143, 151-158

Goffmann, pp.192-225.

9c. Weekly discussion

Reading Week- no class on 9-11-13 November

WEEK 10 (16-18-20 November)

10a and 10b. Ottoman Military Organization, 1400-1600

Imber, 'The Army' and 'The Fleet', pp.252-281, 287-308.**(both hard and electronic copies are available in MacKimmie Library, DR 486. I43 2002, electronic copy via blackboard will be provided)**

McCarthy,pp.123-126.

10c. Weekly discussion

WEEK 11 (23-25-27 November)

11a and 11b Ottomans and the European World

Goffman, pp.131-188.

Daniel Goffman, " Negotiating with the Renaissance State: the Ottoman Empire and New Diplomacy" in Virginia H. Aksan & Daniel Goffman (eds), The Early Modern Ottomans: Re-Mapping the Empire,

Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, New York, 2007, pp.61-74.

McCarthy, pp.148-151.

Recommended Readings:

Molly Greene, "The Ottomans in the Mediterranean" in Virginia H. Aksan & Daniel Goffman (eds), The Early Modern Ottomans: Re-Mapping the Empire, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, New York, 2007, pp.104-116.

Gabor Agoston, "Information, Ideology and the limits of Imperial Policy. Ottoman Grand Strategy in the Context of Ottoman-Habsburg Rivalry" in Virginia H. Aksan & Daniel Goffman (eds), The Early Modern Ottomans: Re-Mapping the Empire, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, New York, 2007, pp.75-103.

11c Weekly Discussion

WEEK 12 (30 November- 2-4 December 2009)

12a and 12b Fate or Failure? Decentralization of the Ottoman Empire and Early Reform Attempts ,1566-1700s

Goffman, pp.227-234.

McCarthy, pp.151-191.

Barkey, pp.197-263.

12c Weekly discussion

WEEK 13 (7-9-11 December)

13a and 13b Social and Cultural Life in Ottomandom

McCarthy, (for everyday life) pp.215-258, (society and the person) pp.261-282.

Leslie Peirce, "The Material World: Ideologies and Ordinary Things" in Virginia H. Aksan & Daniel Goffman (eds), The Early Modern Ottomans: Re-Mapping the Empire, , pp.213-232.

Imber, pp.216-244 (law and jurisdiction). **(both hard and electronic copies are available in MacKimmie Library, DR 486. I43 2002)**

13c Weekly discussion.

Emergency Evacuation

Assembly Points have been identified across campus in case of an emergency evacuation.

Should an emergency occur, our class would assemble at the Social Sciences Food Court. See the following link for a complete list of assembly points:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>