This course explores the rich historiography of the Modern Middle East (from the late 18th century) with a focus on its inherently transnational and comparative character. Themes will include the construction of—and threats to—transethnic and transsectarian identities (such as Ottomanism, Iraqi nationalism, and Lebanese nationalism) and transnation-state movements (Arab nationalism); the comparative uses of religion in defining national identities; the impact of European-American intervention and hegemony in the history of modern Middle Eastern nation-state; and the impact of economic and cultural globalization on Middle Eastern politics and culture.

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