

# Nationalisms, State Creation, and the Search for Identity in the Middle East, ca. 1800 to the Present

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 transectarian 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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