

Globalization 701
Topics in Globalization Studies
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Course Description and Objectives

The course will explore how Islam and Muslims have been affected by the process of globalization. It will initially define globalization and its salient traits and then discuss how globalization impacts Muslims all over the world. It will also examine the Qur'an vision of various dimension of globalization and the various modes through which globalization has touched on the lives of Muslims. We will see that whereas globalization has destroyed territorial boundaries, it has brought to light cultural, ethnic, and ideological boundaries that has created tensions within the American Muslim community. The course will also examine how Muslim fundamentalists have used globalization in their desire to universalize their ideology

Required Texts

Abdullah Saeed: Interpreting the Qur'an

Rahman: Major Themes of the Qur'an

Robinson: Discovering the Qur'an

Recommended Text

Al-Khu'i Ayatollah, *The Prolegomena of the Qur'an* (Reserve)

Mahmoud Ayoub: *The Qur'an and Its Interpreters* (Reserve)

Encyclopedia of the Qur'an (Library)

Rippin ed. *The Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an*

Evaluation

Attendance and participation 10%

Class Presentation 15%

Midterm 25%

Visiting Lecture Analysis 10%

Qur'an report 10%

Final Take home exam 30%

Week 1**Course introduction and overview of the Qur'an****Readings:**

Mahmoud Ayoub. *The Qur'an and its Interpreters*. 2 vols. 1:7-16.

Neal Robinson: *Discovering the Qur'an*: 9 - 24.

Andrew Rippin (ed.) *The Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an*, 18 – 50.

Week 2**Major Themes of the Qur'an****Readings:**

Rahman, Major Themes of the Qur'an, pgs. 1-79, 106-120

Andrew Rippin (ed.) *The Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an* 223 – 247

Neal Robinson: *Discovering the Qur'an*, 99 - 124

Week 3**SPECIAL EVENING LECTURE: ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY****Week 4****Revelation, Collection and Compilation**

Readings: Abu al-Qasim al-Musawi al-Khu'i. *The Prolegomena to the Qur'an*, (reserve) 119-133; 163-185.

Andrew Rippin (ed.) *The Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an*, 159-204

John Burton. "Collection of the Qur'an," *EQ*, 1:351-61.

Robinson: *Discovering the Qur'an*, 60 - 75

Week 5: Reading Week**Week 6****Shi'ism and the Qur'an****Readings:**

Meir M. Bar-Asher. *Scripture and Exegesis in Early Imami Shiism*, Brill, 1999, pp. 87-124 (reserve)

Mahmoud Ayoub, "The Speaking Qur'an and the Silent Qur'an: A Study of the Principles and Development of Imami Shi'i tafsir," in A. Rippin, *Approaches to the History of the Interpretation of the Qur'an*, pp. 177-97.

Andrew Rippin (ed.) The Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an, 373 - 385

Week 7

Qur'an and the Other: Minorities and Religious Pluralism

Readings:

Fazlur Rahman, pp. 162-70

Clare Wilde and Jane Dammen McAuliffe. "Religious Pluralism and the Qur'an," EQ, 4:398-419.

Farid Essack. Qur'an, Liberation & Pluralism 146 - 178

Week 8

The Interpretation of the Qur'an

Readings

Ayoub: The Qur'an and Its Interpreters, 16-40

Abdullah Saeed: Interpreting the Qur'an 26-68; 77-89; 116- 125.

Week 9

Qur'an & Women

Readings

Hidayatullah: Feminist Edges 23 – 45; 65 - 86

Andrew Rippin (ed.) The Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an; 298 - 307

Week 10

Qur'anic Exegesis

Readings

Andrew Rippin (ed.) The Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an: 403 – 419

Cladu Gilliot, Exegesis: Classical EQ 2:99 – 121

Week 11

War and Peace in the Qur'an

Readings: To be Announced

Week 12

Faith & Belief in the Qur'an

Readings

Farid Essack. Qur'an, Liberation & Pluralism 114 - 146

Policies**DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC**

Staff in the office of the Department of Religious Studies will not date-stamp or receive papers and other assignments.

UNIVERSITY MANDATED**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY**

You are expected to exhibit honesty and use ethical behaviour in all aspects of the learning process. Academic credentials you earn are rooted in principles of honesty and academic integrity. Academic dishonesty is to knowingly act or fail to act in a way that results or could result in unearned academic credit or advantage. This behaviour can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: "Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty"), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty. For information on the various types of academic dishonesty please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy, located at www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity.

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

1. Plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one's own or for which other credit has been obtained.
2. Improper collaboration in group work.
3. Copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

AVENUE TO LEARN

In this course we will be using Avenue to Learn. Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of this course, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. The available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in this course will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure please discuss this with the course instructor.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students who require academic accommodation must contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) to make arrangements with a Program Coordinator. Academic accommodations must be arranged for each term of study. Student Accessibility Services can be contacted by phone 905-525-9140 ext. 28652 or e-mail sas@mcmaster.ca. For further information, consult McMaster University's Policy for Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities.

POLICY FOR MODIFYING A COURSE

The instructor and university reserve the right to modify elements of the course during the term. The university may change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances. If either type of modification becomes necessary, reasonable notice and communication with the students will be given with explanation and the opportunity to

comment on changes. It is the responsibility of the student to check her/his McMaster email and course websites weekly during the term and to note any changes.

E-MAIL COMMUNICATION POLICY

Effective September 1, 2010, it is the policy of the Faculty of Social Sciences that all e-mail communication sent from students to instructors (including TAs), and from students to staff, must originate from the student's own McMaster University e-mail account. This policy protects confidentiality and confirms the identity of the student. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that communication is sent to the university from a McMaster account. If an instructor becomes aware that a communication has come from an alternate address, the instructor may not reply at his or her discretion.

MCMASTER STUDENT ABSENCE FORM

In the event of an absence for medical or other reasons, students should review and follow the Academic Regulation in the Undergraduate Calendar "Requests for Relief for Missed Academic Term Work". Please note these regulations have changed beginning Spring/Summer 2015. The timeframe within which the MSAF is valid has been reduced from 5 days to 3 days. The upper limit for which an MSAF can be submitted has been reduced from 'less than 30%' to 'less than 25%' of the course weight. As per the policy, students must immediately follow up with their instructors to request accommodation for any missed academic work. Failure to do so may negate their relief. If you have any questions about the MSAF, please contact your Associate Dean's office.

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