# Econ 444   Economies of the Middle East Winter, 2014

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Textbook: Richards, Waterbury, Cammett, and Diwan, *A Political Economy of the Middle East* (3rd edition, updated) is required, and is available in the bookstore. A copy is on reserve in the library. Note that the updated version of the third edition differs from its earlier version only in the last chapter (“Conclusion”), which is available under the separate title “The Political Economy of the Arab Uprisings”; it may be less expensive to obtain the two titles separately – a pdf of the latter is available via Canvas in Module 10 - Arab Uprising. The articles on the list below are accessible through the Canvas page for this course, access to which is explained below. The professor’s lectures – identified below by ‘File’ - are available in either in .pptx or .docx format, on Canvas or on the web site at the address given above.

The course presents a survey of important socio-economic issues in the Middle East for the period after WWII. Some class lectures and readings will have a country specific focus, while others will address social science topics. The professor’s approach is that of a development economist, leading to an interdisciplinary focus on subjects such as agrarian issues, health and population growth, education, urban and environmental issues, investment and banking, trade policy, reform and privatization, domestic and international migration, and the economics of petroleum. The Israel-Palestine conflict is not a topic for this course. Israel’s economy will be mentioned, but it is not a main focus, even though it evidently forms an important backdrop for several topics.

There will be two mid-terms and a final, each weighted 18% of your final grade. Two short papers (8% each) and a research paper (20%) will also be required. Class participation will account for the final eight percent. The mid-term exams are tentatively scheduled for February 4 and March 27; the final exam will be held Tuesday April 24, at 9:00 am. The papers are described in a separate handout, which is also available [online](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/444Papers.docx). The old exams are also available [online](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/444Exams.docx) as study sheets, as are the preliminary [study sheets](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/PreviousStudySheets.docx).

This class is offered for graduate credit for MPP students, as Econ 544. Those students will take the exams with the other students. However, they will be expected to do three additional five page research papers: on population growth, urbanization, and macroeconomic reform.

The schedule follows. The textbook is obligatory material, as are the other readings on this list; all are fair game for the exams. A useful introduction to the region is Ilan Pappé *The Modern Middle East*. In addition, five other textbooks – Owen and Pamuk’s *History of Middle East Economies in the Twentieth Century*, Nolan and Pack’s *The Arab Economies in a Changing World*, Rivlin’s *Arab Economies in the Twenty-First Century*, Todaro and Smith’s *Economic Development,* and Sorenson’s *An Introduction to the Modern Middle East* are recommended reading for the sections below, and they are available in the [library](http://library.umd.umich.edu/index.html). The book by Sorenson has useful short histories of each country.

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| Jan 7 | Introduction    **Prof’s File**:Course Introduction |
| Jan 9 | **Overview, History** Richards and Waterbury Chapters 2, 3, 11. Dahi (2011) “Understanding the Political Economy of the Arab Revolts” MERIP (3 pp)**Prof’s File**: Overview and Basic Data **Recommended**: Pappé Chapters 1 and 2. |
| Jan 14, 16 | **Egypt.**  Richards and Waterbury pp. 248-52MERIP Editors (2013) “Egypt in Year Three,” [online](http://www.merip.org/mero/mero071013) Interview with Robert Springborg, *Al-Masry Al-Youm* October 31, 2011 (2 pages)**Prof’s File**: Egypt [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Egypt)**Recommended**: Owen and Pamuk Chapters 2, 6; Rivlin Chapter 5; Sorenson Chapt. 10    |
| Jan 21,23  | **Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.** Robinson (2012) “Syria’s Long Civil War,” *Current History* Yousif (2013) “Aspiration and Reality in Iraq’s Post-Sanction Economy,” MERIP #266 Seeley (2013) “The Jordanian State Buys Itself Time,” MERIP [online](http://www.merip.org/mero/mero021213) Dick, Marlin (2010) “Hizballah’s Domestic Growing Pains,” MERIP [online](http://www.merip.org/mero/mero091310.html)**Prof’s Files**: Syria Lebanon and Jordan; Iraq  [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Syria)**Recommended**: Owen and Pamuk Chs. 3, 7, and  pp. 53-56, 187- 193;Rivlin Chs. 6, 7, 11; Sorenson 12, 13, 15, 9 |
| Jan. 28, 30 | **Palestine, the Palestinians and Israel**.               World Bank (2008) WB&G *Country Brief* (4 pages) [online](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTWESTBANKGAZA/Resources/WBG-ENG_2008AMpdf.pdf)World Bank (2008) “The Economic Effects of Restricted Access to Land in the West Bank,” pp. iv-vii [online](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTWESTBANKGAZA/Resources/EconomicEffectsofRestrictedAccesstoLandintheWestBankOct.21.08.pdf)World Bank (2007) “Movement and Access Restrictions in the West Bank: Uncertainty and Inefficiency in the Palestinian Economy,” [online](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTWESTBANKGAZA/Resources/WestBankrestrictions9Mayfinal.pdf) (pp. 6-13 only)Khalidi, Walid (2008) “Palestine: Liberation Deferred,” *The Nation*  4 pp. [online](http://www.thenation.com/doc/20080526/khalidi)**Prof’s Files:** Palestine, Israel.          [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Palestine)**Recommended**: Owen and Pamuk pp. 57-61, 194-197; Rivlin Ch. 9; Sorenson Ch 16, 14 |
| Feb.4 | **Population Growth and Demography.         First paper due Feb. 4**Richards and Waterbury Chapter 4.  Eltigani (2009) “Toward Replacement Fertility in Egypt and Tunisia,” *Studies in Family Planning* **Prof’s File**: Pop\_Growth.[Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Population)    **Recommended**: Todaro and Smith Chapter 6. |
| Feb. 6 | Health, Literacy, Higher Education and Science Policy.   Richards &Waterbury  Chapter 5 (to p. 133).**Prof’s Files**: Education\_Health (i and ii).       [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Health)**Recommended**: Todaro and Smith Chapter 8 |
| Feb. 11 | **EXAM**  |
| Feb. 18, 20, March 4 | **Cities in the Middle East** Richards and Waterbury Chapter 10.El Araby, M. (2002) “Urban growth and environmental degradation,” *Cities* 19:6 389-400Bayat, Asef (1996), “Cairo’s Poor: Dilemmas of Survival and Solidarity,” MERIP 202:2-6 Madanipour, Ali (1999) “City Profile: Tehran,” *Cities* 16:1 pp. 57-65**Prof’s Files:** **Urbanization (i & ii)**        [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Urban)**Recommended**:  Pappé Chapter 4. Todaro and Smith Chapter 7. |
| March 6, 11, 13 | **Agriculture, Water and the Environment.** Richards and Waterbury Chapter 6.  Hinnebusch, Raymond A. (1993), ”Class, State and the Reversal of Egypt's Agrarian Reform,” *Middle East Report* 184,  Sep. - Oct., pp. 20-23 Swain, Ashok (1998) “**A new challenge: Water scarcity in the Arab world,”** *Arab Studies Quarterly*  20(1) Winter (11 pgs)Abou Ali (2012) “The Environment and the Economy in the Arab World,” (Chapter 4: pp.17-36)**Prof’s File**: Agriculture and Water          [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Agriculture) **Recommended**: Pappé Chapter 3.  Todaro Chapter 9 |
| Mar. 18 | **Arab Uprising**Richards and Waterbury, Chapter 16 - UprisingLust et al. (2012) “After the Arab Spring: Islamism, Secularism, and Democracy,” *Current History* (3 pp.)**Prof’s File**: Arab uprising |
| Mar. 20, 25 | **ISI Policies, Reform, and Globalization. Military. Second paper due March 20**Richards and Waterbury Chapters 7, 8, 9, 13, and pp. 133-142.Beinin, Joel (1999) “The Working Class and Peasantry in the Middle East: From Economic Nationalism to Neoliberalism,” MERIP pp. 18-22 Galal (2012) “Equality and Authoritarianism in the Arab World,” *Current History* **Prof’s Files**:  MacroEcon (i and ii)           [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Macro)**Recommended**: Todaro& Smith Chapters 12-16; Noland & Pack Chapters 2, 3, 6 & 7. |
| Mar. 27 | **EXAM** |
| Apr.1  | **Gender Issues** Moghadam, Valentine (2005) “Women’s economic participation in the Middle East: what difference has the neoliberal policy turn made?” *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* pp, 110-146Okten, Aysenur (2001) **xerox** “Post-Fordist Work, Political Islam and Women in Urban Turkey,”  (pp. 269-288) in E. Mine Cinar The *Economics of Women and Work in the Middle East and North Africa*  Hatem (2013) “Gender and Counterrevolution in Egypt,” MERIP 268 (4 pp.) **Prof’s File**: Gender Issues          [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Gender)**Recommended**: Pappé Chapter 8 |
| Apr. 3 | **Islamic Economics & Political Islam** Richards and Waterbury Chapters 12, 14. Choudhury (1995?) “Introducing Islamic Political Economy,” [online](http://faculty.uccb.ns.ca/mchoudhu/chapter1.html)Siddiqi, Moin A. (1999) “The Growing Popularity of Islamic Banking,” *Middle East* 291 pp. 33-35 Clark, Janine A. (1995) “Islamic social welfare organizations in Cairo: Islamization from below?” *Arab Studies Quarterly* 17:4 (6 pages)Bayat (2011) “The Post-Islamist Revolutions,” *Foreign Affairs* April 26 (2 pages)**Prof’s Files**: Islamic Economics and Political Islam             [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Political)**Recommended**: Pappé Chapter 9. Nolan and Pack Chapter 5 |
| Apr. 8 | **International Migration**                         Richards and Waterbury Chapter 15.Baldwin-Edwards (2005) *Migration in the Middle East and Mediterranean* (pages 5-20)**Prof’s File**: Migration[Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Migration) **Recommended**: Todaro and Smith Chapter 6 |
| Apr. 10 | **The World Oil Market** Richards and Waterbury Chapter 3 pages 46-57Adelman, M. A. (2002) “World oil production & prices 1947-2000,” *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance* 42 pp. 169-191 Krane (2013) “Stability versus Sustainability: Energy Policy in the Gulf Monarchies,” Cambridge EPRG #1302Ross (2011) “Will Oil Drown the Arab Spring, Democracy and Resource” *Foreign Affairs(4 pp.)*Downs (2013) “China-Middle East Energy Relations,” Brookings [online](http://www.brookings.edu/research/testimony/2013/06/06-china-middle-east-energy-downs) **Prof’s File**: World Oil                 [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Oil) |
| Apr. 15 | Saudi Arabia and Other Arabian Peninsula.              Research paper due April  15Kronemer, Alexander (1997) ”Inventing a Working Class in Saudi Arabia” *Monthly Labor Review* 120:#5 pp. 29-31Herb (2009) “A Nation of Bureaucrats: Political Participation and Economic Diversification in Kuwait and U.A.E.” *IJMES* Jengler (2013) “Collective Frustration, but no Collective Action, in Qatar,” Merip [Online](http://www.merip.org/mero/mero120713)Prof’s File: SaudiArabiaYemenGulf           [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.htm#Saudi)Recommended: Owen and Pamuk  Chs 4, 9;Rivlin Ch. 10; Sorenson Chs. 5, 6, 7 |
| Apr. 17 | Iran                            Richards and Waterbury pp. 256-60Ghadar, Fariborz (2009) “Behind Iran’s Crackdown, An Economic Coup,” *Current History* Harris, Kevan (2011) “The Bazaar,” Iran Primer (USIP) (6 pages)Cole, Juan (2011) “Iran and Islam,” Iran Primer (USIP) (5 pages)Nikou, Semira (2011) “The Subsidies Conundrum,” Iran Primer (USIP) (5 pages)**Prof’s File**: Iran [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Iran)**Recommended**: Sorenson Chapter 8 |
|  | **Turkey**Richards and Waterbury pp. 233-39Khan, Mujeeb R. and H. HakanYavuz (2003) “Bringing Turkey into Europe,” *Current History* Vol. 102, 662  pp. 119- (5 pages) **Prof’s File**: Turkey         [Further Reading](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx#Turkey)**Recommended**: Owen & Pamuk  Chapters 1, 5; Sorenson Chapter 11 |

The final exam is scheduled for Thursday, April 24 at 9:00 am.

**Course Readings on Canvas**.

A course-site has been set up on Canvas, making all these readings available online to students registered for this class. Go to <http://canvas.umd.umich.edu> and sign in using your UM-D id number. Look for this course under the heading “Courses”. On the course page, you will find “Syllabus” and “Modules.” Clicking on a specific Module leads to the pptx and docx versions of what the Prof has prepared for the lectures, and the set of required articles that you can then read, print, or download. Along with the prof’s files, the required articles are indicated by \*; many other articles are also included, below these in each module. Several items on the Canvas page are links to the prof’s web-page. When you click on these in a Module, you must then click on the file name on the next screen.

 There is an alternative to Canvas.  You can order and purchase a bound copy of the readings from **Allegra Printing**, 22250 Ford Road, (313-561-8000). Call ahead before going over. The final option is to have the professor electronically copy the articles onto your jump drive or laptop, which you can then read or print up as you wish.

The course’s Canvas web-page contains numerous journal articles beyond those included for this syllabus. Those titles, plus an even more extensive bibliography, are available by clicking  [Reading List](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~mtwomey/econhelp/444files/ReadingList.docx). It should be noted that the pptx and docx files are initially posted on the prof’s web page material, where anyone can access them.

**Other Items:**

All currently registered students are entitled to free access to the UM-Dearborn computer labs and email systems. For information, go to the lab in the Computer Wing of the Science Building. The phone of the ITS helpdesk is 313-593-4357; or [helpdesk@umd.umich.edu](file:///C%3A/Documents%20and%20Settings/mtwomey/My%20Documents/EC301/Syllabus/helpdesk%40umd.umich.edu).

Please do not bring to the exams ‘smart phones’ or any such device that allows access to the web, or emails/texting.

Economics has recently renumbered its upper division courses. We have a requirement that an econ major must take a ‘capstone’ course. A few semesters ago, that meant any course with a number greater than 400. It now means any course numbered 40XX; 4011, 4015, 4021, 4065, 4085, or (for MPP students) 5011, 5015, 5021, 5065, 5085. This course, Econ 444, does not satisfy that requirement.

The phone number to call to see if the campus has been closed due to bad weather is 313-436-9157. If you wish to receive your final grade quickly, please give me a stamped, self-addressed envelope or postcard the last day of class, or at the final exam. Otherwise you can get your grade on the touch-tone system by going through the University Registrar's Web Page, and pick up the final exam sometime next term. Emailed requests for your final grade or final exam will not be answered!

**Useful Source Books in the UM-D Library**:

Richards and Waterbury *A Political Economy of the Middle East* 3rd and 2nd Ed.  HC 415.15 R53 (on reserve)

Pappe, Ilan*The Modern Middle East* DS 63.1 P37 2005

Noland, Marcus & Howard Black *The Arab Economies in a Changing World* HC 498 N56 2007

Owen and Pamuk*History of Middle East Economies in the Twentieth Century* HC 415.15 O935 1998

Todaro, Michael and Stephen Smith *Economic Development* HB 82 T552 2006

Sorenson, David S. *An Introduction to the Modern Middle East* DS44 S67 2008

Rivlin, Paul  *Economic Policy and Performance in the Arab World* HC 498 R58 2001

Henry and Springborg, *Globalization and the politics of development in the Middle East* HC415.15H463 2001

*Arab Human Development Report* HC 498 A1 A73 2002

**Newspapers from MENA countries:** To understand important current events, one **must** follow daily news-in this case, from sources in the region. Some newspapers that are freely available on-line in English: [**Al Jazeera**](http://english.aljazeera.net/HomePage), [**Islam On-line**](http://www.islamonline.net/english/index.shtml), [**Arabic News**](http://www.arabicnews.com/), [**Al-Ahram**](http://weekly.ahram.org.eg/index.htm) (weekly-Cairo), [Egyptian Gazette](http://www.egyptiangazette.net.eg/gazette/index.shtml)[, el-masry al-ayou](http://www.almasry-alyoum.com/default.aspx?l=en)m (Cairo), [Iraq Updates](http://www.iraqupdates.com/index.php), the [**Jordan Times**](http://www.jordantimes.com/mon/index.htm), [Arab Times](http://www.arabtimesonline.com/index.asp) (Kuwait), [**asharq al-aswat**](http://www.asharq-e.com/), (Saudi), [**Gulf News**](http://www.gulfnews.com/home/index.html), [**Arab News**](http://www.arabnews.com/), **[Khaleej](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/index00.asp)**  [[[[[[[[[**Times**  (UAE), [**Daily Star**](http://www.dailystar.com.lb/home.asp?edition_id=10) (Lebanon), [Beirut Times](http://beiruttimes.com/site2/index.php), [naharnet](http://web.naharnet.com/) (Lebanon), [**Yemen Times**](http://www.yementimes.com/), [Jerusalem Post](http://www.jpost.com/) [Haareetz](http://www.haaretz.com/) (Israel), [**Iran Daily**](http://www.iran-daily.com/1383/2140/html/),  [IranCoverage](http://irancoverage.com/), [Tehran Times](http://www.tehrantimes.com/Index.asp), [**Turkish Daily News**](http://www.turkishdailynews.com/), [TurkishPres](http://www.turkishpress.com/)s, [Today’s Zaman](http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/) (Turkey). A more complete list is at [al-bab](http://www.al-bab.com/media/newspapers.htm).](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/index00.asp)](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/index00.asp)](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/index00.asp)](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/index00.asp)](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/index00.asp)](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/index00.asp)](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/index00.asp)](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/index00.asp)](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/index00.asp)

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