NEHC 26151:
History of Iraq in the 20th Century

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Class Tasks and Grading:
1) Reading, class participation in discussion sessions (30%)
2) Midterm exam (30%)
3) Final take-home exam [two essay questions; advanced students may write a short paper instead]. The questions will be given at the last day of class. 40% . They are due a week after. Seven pages long.

Textbook [please order online]:

Charles A Tripp, History of Iraq (Cambridge and New York, 2007)

Please order online

Useful Books on the Modern History of Iraq:
Pehbe Marr, The Modern History of Iraq (Boulder, 1985)
Hana Batatu, The Old Social Classes and the Revolutionary Movements of Iraq (Princeton, 1978)
Marion Farouk-Sluglett and Peter Sluglett, Iraq Since 1958: from Revolution to Dictatorship (revised edition) (London, 2001)
For Middle East [background]:
William L. Cleveland, A history of the modern Middle East (Boulder 1994)

Class 1: Wednesday January 3: Historical Background
Tripp, The Ottoman period, 8-30


Class 2: Monday, January 8: British Colonization in the 1920s
Tripp, The British Mandate, 30-75


**Class 3: Wednesday January 10: Elements of Independence and Nationalism in the Interwar Period**

Tripp, The Hashemite Monarchy, 1932-1941, 75-105


**Class 4: Monday, January 15: MLK Day**

**Class 5: Wednesday, January 17: Establishing the Monarchic State**

Tripp, The Hashemite Monarchy, 1941-1958, 105-143


**Class 6: Monday, January 22: Gender in the monarchic period**


Peter Wien, "Mothers of Warriors: Girls in Youth Debate of Interwar Iraq, *Girlhood, A Global History*, (pp. 289-303) [jstor]
Class 7: Wednesday, January 24: Sectarian, Ethnic, and Religious Culture


Marion Farouk-Sluglett and Peter Sluglett, “Some Reflections on the Sunni/Shi‘i Question in Iraq”, Bulletin (British Society for Middle Eastern Studies) 5/2 (1978), 79-87 [jstor]


Class 8: Monday, January 29: Iraqi Jews

Reuven Snir, "My Adherence to the Creed of Moses Has Not Diminished My Love for Muhammad’s Nation": The Emergence and Demise of Iraqi Jewish Literary Modern Culture, The Jewish Quarterly Review, Vol. 98, No. 1 (Winter, 2008), pp. 62-87 [jstor]

Reuven Snir, ""My Heart Beats with Love of the Arabs": Iraqi Jews Writing in Arabic in the Twentieth Century"

Class 9: Wednesday, January 31: Revolution!


Premier Abdul Karim Kassem reviews Military parade in Baghdad, Iraq. HD Stock Footage
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xqvN7S6YR8

Revolt and overthrow of Government in Iraq. General Abdul Karrem arrives in Baghad...HD Stock Footage
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3SSCAKhMRE

Class 10:

Monday February 5

Midterm:

25 Multiple Choice questions on Iraqi history

Terms for the exam:

King Faysal I; Percy Cox; Gilbert Calyton; 1920 Revolt; Gertrude Bell; Mandate System; Mujtahids; High Commissioner; Mosul Question; King Ghazi; Effendia; Futuwwa [youth movement]; Nuri al-Said; Sati al-Husri; Taqwif Sudwedi; Rashid 'Ali al-Kaylani [Gailani]; 1941 Kaylani Revolt; Farhud; King Faysal II; Regent Abd al-Ilah; Fadhil al-Jamali; Naziha Duleimi; Yusuf Salman Yusuf [Fahd]; Iraqi Communist Party; Wathba (1948); Iraqi Intifada; Michel 'Aflaq; Ba'ath; Muhammad Mahdi al-Jawahir; Nazik al-Malaika; Sabiha Sheikh Da'ud; 'Abd al-Karim Qasim; Agrarian Reform; 'Abd al-Salam 'Arif; 'Abd al-Rahman 'Arif; 'Abd al-Rahman al-Bazzaz; Madinat al-Thawra; Mosul incident; Sheikh Mahmud Brazanjji; Mustafa Barazani

Class 11: Wednesday February 7: The Framework of The Ba'ath Party and the Ba'ath Regime

Tripp, The Baath and Saddam, 186-267

Bagdad Iraqi capital city in 1970s. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyBChdNP7Dw

Class 12: Monday, February 12: Republic of Fear? Saddam Husayn

Chapter 1, on: https://www.ucpress.edu/book.php?isbn=9780520214392

Marion Farouk Sluglett, "The Making of a Modern Dictator: The Irresistible Rise of Saddam Husayn," Oriente Moderno, Nuova serie, Anno 12 (73), Nr. 1/6 (Gennaio-Giugno 1993), pp. 73-86 [jstor]

Joseph Sassoon, Saddam Hussain's Baath party,
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=belcTFFNZb8


I knew Saddam, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_Wuqm22gUU
Class 13: Wednesday February 14: Wars in the Gulf, The Iran Iraq War, The Gulf War

Dina Khoury, Iraq at War Time, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-koWbeMge-s


The Lost Daughter of Halabja (Our World) - BBC News
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwyqR28Hxg0

Class 14, Monday February 19: Gender Under the Ba'ath


Class 15: Wednesday February 21: American Involvement

Tripp, American Occupation and the New Republic, 277-317


Saddam’s speech in court: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCJ8JqtGahQ

[FULL] Colin Powell's Presentation to the UN Security Council On Iraq's WMD Program
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErlDSJHRVMA

President Bush Announces Start of Iraq War
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BwxI_l84dc

Ghosts of Abu Ghraib, HBO Documentary
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGpaOp6_I7M

Iraqi recounts Abu Ghraib abuse - 23 July 09
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1b97gEV58A0

Class 16: Monday February 26, Gender Under Occupation


Nadje Al-Ali, Nicola Pratt, "Conspiracy of Near Silence: Violence Against Iraqi Women* Middle East Report,* No. 258, PEOPLE POWER (Spring 2011), pp. 34-37, 48


**Class 17: Wednesday February 28: Challenges of Religion**


**Class 18: Monday March 5: Rise of Isis and Loss of Mosul**


The Secret History of ISIS 2016 FRONTLINE PBS Full Documentary HD https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LA45F5_kreo


Interviews with Yazidi Women: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4FDWcBRCU8

Christmas Returns to Mosul: https://mosul-eye.org/2017/12/17/christmas-returns-to-mosul/

**Class 19: Wednesday March 7: Accountability: Was the Mission Accomplished?**


Nada Shabout, "A Makeover: Baghdad, the 2013 Arab Capital of Culture,* Middle East Report*, No. 266, IRAQ: TEN YEARS LATER (Spring 2013), pp. 26-33
Discussions groups:

Group 1 and 3 – discussion leader: Chelsie May
Group 2 and 4, discussion leader: Kyle Longworth
Group 6: discussion leader: Orit Bashkin
Groups 1, 2, 3, 4 will meet on Fridays.

Groups 1+2 Friday, January 12th
Gertrude Bell, (1868-1926), *The Letters of Gertrude Bell* (London, 1927), selections

Groups 3+4 Friday, January 19th
Gertrude Bell, (1868-1926), *The Letters of Gertrude Bell* (London, 1927), selections

Groups 1+2 Friday, January 26th

Watch the first 10 sites in this youtube search: Iraq in the 1950s:
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=iraq+in+the+1950s](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=iraq+in+the+1950s)

Prepare a power-point presentation made up of photos [no text needed] about the monarchic period in Baghdad. Include at least nine images. If you find a relevant video you may include it as well. Send the power-point presentation to your discussion leader

Groups 3+4 Friday, February 2nd

Watch the first 10 sites in this youtube search: Iraq in the 1950s:
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=iraq+in+the+1950s](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=iraq+in+the+1950s)

Prepare a power-point presentation made up of photos [no text needed] about the monarchic period in Baghdad. Include at least nine images. If you find a relevant video you may include it as well. Send the power-point presentation to your discussion leader

Groups 1+2 Friday, February 9th
Sasson Somekh, *Baghdad Yesterday, Selections*

Prepare a power-point presentation made up of photos [no text needed] about Iraqi Jews in both Iraq and in Israel. If you find a relevant video you may include it as well. Send the power-point presentation to your discussion leader

Groups 3+4 Friday, February 16th
Sasson Somekh, Baghdad Yesterday, Selections

Prepare a power-point presentation made up of photos [no text needed] about Iraqi Jews in both Iraq and in Israel. If you find a relevant video you may include it as well. Send the power-point presentation to your discussion leader

Groups 1+2 February 23rd

Iraq War - [Documentary] - 2015
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1sYBfgl0VQ

Prepare a power-point presentation made up of photos [no text needed] about the Ba’ath regime in Iraq. If you find a relevant video you may include it as well. Send the power-point presentation to your discussion leader

Groups 3+4 March 3rd

Iraq War - [Documentary] - 2015
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1sYBfgl0VQ

Prepare a power-point presentation made up of photos [no text needed] about the Ba’ath regime in Iraq. If you find a relevant video you may include it as well. Send the power-point presentation to your discussion leader

Group 6:

Wed, 7-8, January 10th

Gertrude Bell, (1868-1926), The Letters of Gertrude Bell (London, 1927), selections

Wed, 7-8, January 24th

On Nostalgia: http://www.telegraph.co.uk/photography/what-to-see/happy-tourists-hula-hoops-architectural-wonders-iraq-never-seen/

Watch the first 10 sites in this youtube search: Iraq in the 1950s:
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=iraq+in+the+1950s

Prepare a power-point presentation made up of photos [no text needed] about the monarchical period in Baghdad. Include at least nine images. If you find a relevant video you may include it as well. Send the power-point presentation to your discussion leader

Wed, 7-8, February 7th

Sasson Somekh, Baghdad Yesterday, Selections

Prepare a power-point presentation made up of photos [no text needed] about Iraqi Jews in both Iraq and in Israel. If you find a relevant video you may include it as well. Send the power-point presentation to your discussion leader

Wed, 7-8, February 21
Prepare a power-point presentation made up of photos [no text needed] about the Ba’ath regime in Iraq. If you find a relevant video you may include it as well. Send the power-point presentation to your discussion leader.