

PROGRAM IN MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES (MENA)
MENA 301 Seminar in Middle East and North African Studies Sequence

Fall 2015

MENA 301-1/REL 359: "Islamic Law"

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Islamic law - the sacred law of Islam grounded in the Qur'an, the practice of the Prophet Muhammad, and the writings of Muslim scholars and jurists - stretches back nearly 1400 years. After critically examining the concept of 'law', we will explore the emergence legal discourses in the Qur'an and prophetic model (*sunna*). We will trace the development of Islamic legal methodologies and schools in the classical era by way of key primary and secondary sources. We then examine case studies from both classical and contemporary angles, covering family, ritual purity, gender, jihad and just war, commerce, and criminal law. Finally, we seek to understand the dual impacts of colonialism and the attempt to implement Islamic law through the apparatus of the modern nation-state. We conclude with reflections on new trends in Islamic legal thought.

Winter 2016

MENA 301-2/Anthropology 330: "Ethnography of North Africa"

Professor Katherine Hoffman

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Spring 2016

MENA 301-3/History 393: "Nationalism in the Middle East"

Professor Ipek Yosgmaoglu

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