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History of Modern Egypt

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Course Outline This course examines the politics, economy and society of modern Egypt, the most populous and (historically) the most influential [in the Middle East] in the 21st century.

19th century under Muhammad Ali, and an examination of the long period of British colonial rule. Historical depth provides us with the basis from which to consider in detail the various phases through which Egyptians lived during the twentieth century, from British imperialism to independence, and from liberalism to socialism to secularism. By examining the several intense revolutionary moments which have punctuated Egypt's modern history, students will be provided the necessary context for the multilayered issues with which the country is struggling today: national sovereignty and the role of outside powers; political pluralism and the making of constitutions; economic development, labour conditions, and the impact of foreign investment; the role of the army; the role of religion; gender and patriarchy; the political elite and the popular resisters.

We will also be closely following current events. In frequent, if not weekly, group discussions, students will be required to present and assess articles from the internet and the printed media, as well as participate, thoughtfully and respectfully, in a thorough discussion and analysis of current affairs.

Texts There are two required texts for the course: Afaf Lutfi Al-Sayyid Marsot, *A History of Egypt* (Cambridge); and, Robert Springborg, *Egypt (Polity)*. Other readings are available as pdfs on the course website (pursuant to the fair dealing guidelines).

Evaluation	Research assignment (due 14 th March, in class)	40%
	Final exam (in exam schedule)	40%
	Primary source analysis (due last class, 4 April)	10%

Participation

10%

MAIN TOPICS and READINGS

Part I Historical Background

Week 1. 7-10 Jan) Introductions/ "The Square"

Recommended reading: Springborg ch 1.

Week2. (1417 Jan) The Beginning of the State

Required reading: Marsot, ch. 3, ch 4.

On course pages Khaled Fahmy, "The Era of Muhammad Ali Pasha, 1804-1848,"

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RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

What am I looking for? Rather than simply describing an event, or policy, or personality, the aim of this written assignment should be to present and defend a thesis or argument. Construct a how? or why? question: Why is this event significant? How have historians come to understand the significance of this event? Or compare and contrast developments, policies, etc. You of2 (e)6 (tc)6 (.)2 (Y)4 (o)2 (u)-8 (of2 (Y)4 6b) Tw -