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Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization

Program	:	M. Phil ITC
Semester	:	Fall 2017
Course	:	Comparative Study of Civilizations
Course Code	:	IS
Credit Hours	:	03
Duration	:	15 Weeks
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INTRODUCTION OF THE COURSE

The course is designed to cover two main, widely divergent modes of civilizations i.e. Classical and Modern. The course will commence with a consideration of Classical Civilizations then we will explore the ideas of Islamic and Western Civilizations. These ideas capture the dominance of a paradigm that has done nothing less than re-define the very terms of knowledge and experience in contemporary world.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- The course will familiarize participants with the broad contours of civilizations.
- By the end of this course participants will be able to appreciate the alternative paradigms.
- The course will enable the participants to carry out advanced research in more narrowly defined areas of contemporary civilizations.

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

- Lectures
- Presentations and Discussions
- Question-answer Sessions
- Article Reviews

Method of Assessment

Article Review	:	30%
Presentations	:	5%
Class Participation	:	5%
Mid Term	:	20%
End Term Exam	:	40%

Course Outline - Classroom Observation

First Week – The Study of Islamic Civilization: Western Pattern and Islamic Methodology

- Definition of Civilization
- Usage of Word Civilization – A Glance into the Historical Development of Word
 - o Civilization in Urdu and Arabic
- Difference between Culture and Civilization
- Methodology for the Study of Civilization
 - o Western Pattern
 - o Islamic Methodology

Recommended Readings

- Arnold J. Toynbee, and D. C. Somervell, *A Study of History*, 2 vols. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1947 & 1957),
- Rushton Coulborn, *The Origin of Civilized Societies* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1969).
- Will Durant, *The Story of Civilization* (Simon & Schuster, New York, 1950).
- Gerrit W. Gong, *The Standard of 'Civilization' in International Society* (Clarendon Press, 1984).
- Fernand Braudel, *On History*, trans. Sarah Mathews (Weidenfeld & Nicolson; London), 180. [French Title: *Ecrits sur l'histoire*. A collection of Braudel's essays (Flammarion Paris, 1969).]
- Bruce Mazlish, *Civilization and Its Contents* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2004), 5.
- Philip Bagby, *Culture and History – Prolegomena to the Comparative Study of Civilizations* (Longmans, Green & Co.; London, 1958), 74 -75.

Second Week- Western Theories of Civilization

- Western Perspective and Trends on Study of Civilizations and Culture
 - o Oswald Spengler, Philip Bagby, Fernand Braudel, Arnold Toynbee, Alfred Kroeber, Pitrim Sorokin
- Anthropological and Sociological Perspectives on civilization and Culture

Recommended Readings

- Ronald A. Lukens-Bull. 1999, *Between Text and Practice: Considerations in the Anthropological Study of Islam*, Marburg Journal of Religion: Volume 4, No. 2 (December 1999)
- Eickelman, D. 1982. *The Study of Islam in Local Contexts*. Contributions to Asian Studies. 17: 1-16.
- Kreinath, Jens. 2012. *Toward the Anthropology of Islam: An Introductory Essay*, in *The Anthropology of Islam Reader*. New York: Routledge.1-42

- Fluehr-Lobban, Carolyn. 2004. *Islamic Societies in Practice*. Second ed. Gainesville: University of Florida Press. pp. xi-59
- Arnold Toynbee, *A Study of History*, ed. Arnold Toynbee and Jane Caplan (Weathervane Books; New York, Foreword 1972).
- Silvia Federici, ed., *Enduring Western Civilization: The Construction of the Concept of Western Civilization and Its "Others"* (Westport, CT: Praeger, 1995)
- L. Kroeber, *Culture: A Critical Review of Concepts and Definitions* (Cambridge, MA: Peabody Museum, 1952).
- Oswald Spengler, *The Decline of the West, Volume 1, Form and Actuality*, trans. Charles Francis Atkinson (London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd, 1980).

Third Week- Muslim Perspective of Civilization

- Muslim Scholars and the Civilizational ideology
 - Ibn-e-Khaldun
 - Malek Bennabi
 - Abdullah al-Jabiri
 - Ali Shariati
 - Allama Muhammad Iqbal

Recommended Readings

- Muzaffar Iqbal, *Science and Islam* (Westport, CT and London: Greenwood Press, 2007).
- Robert W. Cox, "Civilizations and the Twenty-First Century," in *Globalization and Civilizations* ed. Mehdi Mozaffari (London: Routledge, 2002)
- IbnKhalidun, *The Muqaddimah*, trans. Franz Rosenthal (<http://www.muslimphilosophy.com/ik/Muqaddimah/index.htm>)
- Malek Bennabi, "The Chaos of the Western World," in *Islamic Studies Vol. 19, No. 3 (Autumn 1980)*, pp. 183-194.
- Alwi Alatas, "Malik Bennabi on Civilization," http://www.hoggar.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1021:malik-bennabi-on-civilization-alwi-alatas&Itemid=36
- Hilman, Fikri Azman, "Malek Bennabi: On idea and Civilization," <http://falsafalsafah.blogspot.com/2013/03/malik-bennabi-1905-1973-on-ideas-and.html>
- Carol Kersten, "A Moroccan Philosopher In Indonesia: The Influence of Muhammad Abid al-Jabiri On Islamic Thinking In Indonesia"

Fourth Week - Classical Civilizations and their Dynamics

- Classical Civilizations
- Intellect and Concept of Power
- Sophist and Socratic and Aristotelian Paradigms
- Romanization and Hellenization

Recommended Readings

- Stace W.T, *A Critical History of Greeks*, Macmillan and Co., 1920.
- John Herman Randall, *The Making of the Modern Mind: A Survey of the Intellectual Background of the Present Age*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1976.
- Bertrand Russel, *History of the Western World*
- James Fieser, “The History of Philosophy,” in *The History of Philosophy: A Short Survey*, www.utm.edu/staff/jfieser/110;
<http://www.utm.edu/staff/jfieser/class/110/1-presocratics.htm>
- Greek Thought: Socrates, Plato and Aristotle,”
<http://www.historyguide.org/ancient/lecture8b.html>
- Dr C. George Boeeree, “The Ancient Greeks, Part II, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle,” at <http://webspace.ship.edu/cgboer/athenians.html>

Fifth Week – The Venture of Islam: Anti Classicism

- Islamic Civilization: Introduction and Characteristics

Recommended Readings

- Marshal Hodgson, Marshall G.S. Hodgson, *The Venture of Islam: Conscience and History in World Civilization*, 4 Vols. (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1977).
- Von Grunebaum, “The Sources of Islamic Civilization,” in *The Cambridge History of Islam*, edited by P.M. Holt, Ann R.S. Lambton and Bernard Lewis, 469-510.
- Maulana Maududi, *Islamic Civilization: Foundational Beliefs and Principles*. Islamabad: Institute of Policy Studies, 2013.
- Dr. Mustafa Saba’ee, “*Islami Tehzeeb k Chand Drakshan Pehlu*”
- Dr. Syed Abdullah, “*Culture ka Masala*”
- Rasheed Akhtar Nidvi, “*Tehzeeb-o-Tamadun-e-Islami*”
- Loimeier, Roman. 2013. *Muslim Societies in Africa: A Historical Anthropology*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press. 11-76.

Sixth Week – Muslim Contribution to Medieval Age

- The Making of the Islamic Science
- Aspects of Islamic Scientific Tradition
- Islamic Science and the Making of the European Renaissance
- Translation Movement

Recommended Reading

- George Saliba, *Islamic Science and Making of the European Renaissance* (Massachusetts: The MIT Press, 2011), 193-232.
- Muzaffar Iqbal, *The Making of Islamic Science* (Kuala Lumpur: Islamic Book Trust, 2009)

Seventh Week – Renaissance and Reformation: the Emergence of the Modern Civilization

- Causes, Intellectual Atmosphere in Italy
- The Expanding World: From Leonardo to Galileo
- Leonardo and His times

Recommended Readings:

- J. Bronowski and Bruce Mazlish, *The Western Intellectual Tradition* (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1960), 3-19m 20-28.
- Rischard Tarnas, *The Passion of the Western Mind* (London: Pimlico, 2010), 223-231.

Eighth Week –Scientific and Philosophic Revolution

- Scientific Revolution
- The Method of Descartes
- Francis Bacon- Knowledge is Power

Recommended Readings

- Rischard Tarnas, *The Passion of the Western Mind* (London: Pimlico, 2010),233-275
- J. Bronowski and Bruce Mazlish, *The Western Intellectual Tradition* (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1960), 107-127, 216-230

Ninth Week - Advent of Modernity

- Great Western Transmutation
- Modern World view
- Ancients and Moderns

Recommended Readings

- Rischard Tarnas, *The Passion of the Western Mind* (London: Pimlico, 2010),291-320

Tenth Week – Dynamics of Modern Civilization and Consequences of Modernity

- The Triumph of Modern Secularism
- The Science of Man and the Science of Government
- Crisis of Humanity
- Mechanical World

Recommended Readings

- Stuart Hall, Introduction to *Modernity: An Introduction into the Modern Societies*, ed. Stuart Hall, David Held, Don Hubert, Kenneth Thompson (Malden, Mass.: Basil Blackwell, 1996)
- Marshal Hodgson, *The Venture of Islam: Conscience and History in a World Civilization*, vol. 3, *The Gunpowder Empires and Modern Times* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1974), 176-222
- Peter J. Taylor, “What's Modern about the Modern World-System? Introducing Ordinary Modernity through World Hegemony,” *Review of International Political Economy* 3, no. 2 (1996) ,<http://www.jstor.org/>.
- Nikkie R. Keddie, “Secularism and its Discontents”, *Daedalus* 132, no. 3 (Summer, 2003):14, <http://www.jstor.org>

Eleventh Week – Existentialism: the Rise of Humanism

- Beyond Theory: Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Existentialism
- The Philosophy of Existence

Recommended Readings

- Robert C. Solomon, *From Hegel to Existentialism* (New York, Oxford University Press, 1987)
- David West, *An Introduction to Continental Philosophy* (Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 1996), Chapter 5 , 117-137
- Fernando Molina, *Existentialism as Philosophy* (Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice Hall, 1962), 20-31

Twelfth Week – Nietzsche – The Postmodern, Existentialist Philosopher

- The concept of Power, Revaluation of Values, Impossibility of Truth
- Übermunch

Recommended Readings

- Stanley J. Grenz, *A Premier on Postmodernism* (Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing, 1996), 123-150.
- F. Nietzsche, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*; <http://nationalvanguard.org/books/Thus-Spoke-Zarathustra-by-F.-Nietzsche.pdf> (selected Text)

Thirteenth Week - Postmodernity and the Crisis of Rationality

- Varieties of Postmodernism
- The Philosophical Critique of Enlightenment and Modernity
- Postmodernity as a Stage of Western Society

Recommended Readings

- Gulalp, Hsaldun. “Globalizing Postmodernism: Islamist and Western Social Theory.” *Economy and Society* 26, no. 3 (1997): 419-433.

- Gulalp, Hsaldun. "Islamism and Postmodernism," *Contention* 4, no. 2 (1995): 57-64
- Hassan, Ihab. Hassan, Ihab. "On the Problem of the Postmodern." *New Literary History* 20, no. 1, *Critical Reconsiderations* (Autumn, 1988): 21-22, <http://www.jstor.org/>.
- Hassan, Ihab. "The Question of Postmodernism." *Performing Arts Journal* 6, no. 1 (1981): 30-37, <http://www.jstor.org/>
- Hassan, Ihab. "POSTmodernISM." *New Literary History* 3, no. 1, *Modernism and Postmodernism: Inquiries, Reflections, and Speculations* (Autumn, 1971): 5-30, <http://www.jstor.org/>.
- Turner. Bryan, review of *Postmodernism and Islam: Predicament and Promise*, by Akbar S. Ahmed, *Modern Asian Studies* 27, no. 4, (Oct., 1993): 897- 902, <http://www.jstor.org/>.

Fourteenth Week – Clash of Civilization and Coexistence in a Multi-Civilizational World

- Samuel P. Huntington, "The Clash of Civilization." *Foreign Affairs* 72, no. 3 (Summer, 1993): 22-49, <http://www.jstor.org/>