

Reading Schedule by Lecture

The readings below are posted on Talis Aspire which can be accessed via Blackboard or directly via the Talis Aspire homepage (<http://aspire.aber.ac.uk>). Please note, there may be other editions of the resource in the library than the ones listed on Talis Aspire so please be resourceful and check the library catalogue if the one listed is checked out. These are only the essential readings. Please consult the full reading list for further readings by topic.

Part 1

The readings for Part 1 are mostly garnered from the four main texts listed under the 'Readings' tab on the module website. The readings from these texts are listed below by author. Additional texts are listed with a full citation. Because the lecture material synthesises and highlights points from these readings, it will be easier to understand the lecture by doing the reading before-hand. The reading for part 1 covers all the information you are expected to know for the mid-term exam. You can also refer to the full reading list for further readings on Islamic history and civilisation, many of which will be useful for the exam.

Lecture 1: Introduction

- Armstrong: chapter 1-6

Lecture 2: The Near East in late antiquity

- Armstrong: chapter 7
- Berkey: chapters 1-2
- Goldschmidt: Chapter 2

Lecture 3: Mecca and the Jahaliya

- Armstrong: chapter 8
- Berkey: chapters 3-4
- Lapidus: Introduction and chapter 1

Lecture 4: Muhammad, exile and victory

- Armstrong: chapter 9
- Berkey: chapter 5-7
- Lapidus: Chapter 2
- Goldschmidt: Chapter 3

Lecture 5: The Quran

- Sardar, Z. (2011) *Reading the Quran*. London, C Hurst & Co Publishers. Prologue, Chapters 1-3, 6-8, 13-14, 17-19
- Goldschmidt: Chapter 4

Lecture 6: The Caliphate and the tensions of empire

- Berkey: Chapter 8-11
- Lapidus: Chapter 3-4
- Goldschmidt: Chapter 5

Lecture 7: The Abbasid consolidation

- Lapidus: Chapter 5-8
- Berkey: Chapter 12-13
- Goldschmidt: Chapter 6
- Hodgson, M.G. (1974) *The Venture of Islam: Conscience and History in a World Civilization*. Chicago, Chicago University Press. Volume 1, book 2 chapter 2

Part 2

The reading list in part 2 represents the minimal readings you will need in order to follow lecture and properly understand the topic. It is less extensive than the reading list in part 1 because you will not be directly assessed on the material. More extensive reading should be reserved for those areas that correspond to your final essay project. Please refer to the full reading list for a broader range of readings on each topic.

Lecture 8: Trade, commerce and cosmopolitanism

- Abu-Lughod, J. (1991) *Before European hegemony: the world system AD 1250-1350*. Oxford, Oxford University Press. Introduction and Chapter 7
- Banaji, Jairus (2007) *Islam, the Mediterranean and the rise of capitalism*. *Historical Materialism* 15 pp. 47-74.

Lecture 9: Knowledge and The House of Wisdom

- Freely, J (2011) *Light from the east: how the science of Medieval Islam helped to shape the Western world*. London, I.B. Tauris. Prologue and Chapter 4
- Rosenthal, F (2007) *Knowledge triumphant: the concept of knowledge in Medieval Islam*. Boston, Brill. Chapter 7

Lecture 10: Hadith, law and the popular tradition

- Hallaq, W. B. (2009). *An introduction to Islamic law*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-4

Lecture 11: Dissolution, diffusion and the arrival of Islamic society

- Lapidus: Chapters 9-11 and conclusion
- Berkey: 18-21

Lecture 12: Sacred divisions and the veil

- El Guindi, F. (1999). *Veil : modesty, privacy, and resistance*. Oxford, UK ; New York, NY, Berg. Chapters 1 and 5-8