Science in the Middle East & Central Asia
Medieval and Modern Histories

MIDE 4880-002
Tuesday/Thursday, 2:00PM -3:20PM
3 credit hours
readings & discussions in English

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MIDE 4880-003
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1 credit hour
Time TBD

What is a CLAC Section?
In this compact one-hour-a-week class, you will discuss in Arabic, short selections of essays/articles linked to the MIDE 4880 course.

Who can take this course?
Anyone enrolled in MIDE 4880-002, whose Arabic speaking skills are at the intermediate level or higher, and who would like more opportunities to communicate in Arabic.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course deals with the medieval and modern histories of learning, science and engineering in the Islamic world encompassing the Middle East, North Africa, and Central-South Asia, currently with a population of nearly 800 million. During the medieval ages of Europe, science, mathematics, engineering and medicine enjoyed a glorious period in the Islamic world, which later also exerted a great impact on Europe's Renaissance. The rise and the subsequent fall of science and learning in Middle East & Central-South Asia is a significant historical phenomenon with implications for a scientific renaissance and development in this part of the world today. Through integrating the past and modern histories of science and learning in the region, we will also trace the little known connections between the Islamic world and the West, and the common good and challenging issues in this encounter.

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